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HORROR,  
INCREDIBLE  
FANTASY  
AND SPINE-  
TINGLING  
ADVENTURE!**



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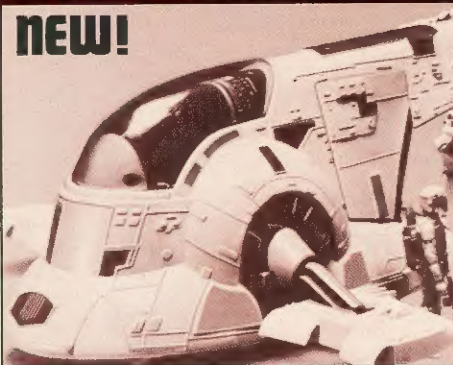


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## CAGIM

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From the depths of a twisted, evil imagination, the sorceress Vivien has conceived a plan that will destroy the Roundtable and bring the world to its knees! Arthur is her slave: a soulless automaton who follows Vivien's every dastardly whim! And Merlin...Merlin is dead, destroyed by Vivien's overwhelming power and treachery! Cagim alone stands in a position to stop her, but everywhere he turns her evil magic extends its bloody fingers to thwart him!



## ORKA

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Many years have passed since the Alliance of Light fomented the bloody, pan-galactic wars which they hoped would win for them control of the known Universe. Many years have passed, but the dead will not return, and worlds that once were rich and green now sprawl as barren husks. Most of the members of the Alliance have been punished...all but one! And neither monstrous sandworms nor scheming cut-throats will stop Orka from taking him!



## GOD OF LIGHT

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The ground shakes from its ponderous step, and the air is filled with the blood-soaked snorts and mewlings from its hell-spawned throat! It is Baligorn, the megademon! Mah 'Sess made it possible for the hive to extend its insidious network over all the earth, and now only Mah 'Sess can save the world of men from the disastrous consequences of their onrushing power! A duel has been arranged: the God of Light in a death battle with...Baligorn!



## HAGGARTH

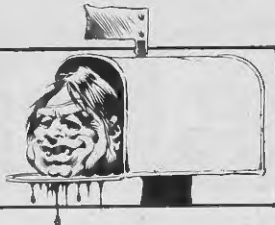
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The sacred Parchment - the key to the knowledge and power of the Gods! While the mad dwarf King Thall burns and seethes for its possession, two low-life ne'er-do-wells stumble onto it! Meanwhile, the great warrior Borin waits in vain for a leader of his rebellion, little knowing that he is that very leader! Amid all this chaos, the tormented Haggarth alone seems to know who he is and what is his purpose: he wants to have nothing to do with any of it!

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# DEAR COUSIN EERIE



**W**ill you please tell me what "The Mist" is all about? What it's for? Where it's going? I'm getting the sinking feeling that it is nothing more than a thug's tour of New York City. **EERIE** #122's installment was "Victoria Rode the Subways Last Night." What can we expect from #123? "Victoria goes to Radio City?" "Victoria Goes Gidget?" **Don McGregor** is a good writer and I assume he's got something planned, but I feel that he is indulging himself.

Otherwise, **EERIE** #122 was a spectacular issue! "The Beast of Sarnadd-Doom" was an interesting examination of the nature of good and evil. **Gonzalo Mayo's** artwork really swept me away, and **Budd Lewis** produced one of his best scripts ever!

"Zud Kamish" did not seem to miss a beat in the change of writer's hands from **Jim Stenstrom** to **Alabaster Redzone**. The wit and the clever plot twists and complications were all there.

What more can be said about **Victor de la Fuente's** "Haggarth"? His artwork and writing blend smashingly, making this series the most consistently entertaining one in **EERIE**. As far as I'm concerned, "Haggarth" should live forever. And, knowing de la Fuente, he probably will!

**JANET STALISKY**  
Hempstead, L.I.

**E.R. Cruz** really has come to life in the **Zud Kamish** series. I suspect that it is the superior material which has propelled him to a new artistic plateau. **Zud** is the best new series **Warren** has presented in a long time. **Cruz** has abandoned his total square-jawed, flinty-eyed, barrel-chested look, and that's just the women! **Cruz** is finally creating humans and aliens with some character!

**ROY DYLE, JR.**  
San Diego, Ca.

"Sarnadd Doom" in **EERIE** #122 was a real mess! **Gonzalo Mayo's** art sprawled from here to eternity. I'll bet he's still drawing it someplace in Asia! And **Budd Lewis's** script! Holy smokes! Good'n'evil, good'n'evil, good'n'evil...it reminded me of the chant for a certain licorice candy. It's too bad that two such outstanding talents swindled down the old toilet. Since **Lewis** writes the way **Mayo** draws, it would be best to keep them apart.

**BENJAMIN O'CONNELL**  
Butte, Montana

## ROGER TAYLOR'S FUN IN SPACE



What!? Uncle Creepy in space with super group **KISS** member **Roger Taylor**? Yes, it's true! You can find one of the best **CREEPLY** covers ever gracing the back of the best rock album of the year! **Roger Taylor** has **Fun in Space** with us!



## Dear Cousin Eerie,

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I felt I had to write to tell you how much I am enjoying the "The Mist," because I'm certain that many of your readers think you're wasting your time with it. In a magazine that is usually chockful of weird aliens, brawny primitives, galaxies in turmoil and astronomical body counts, "The Mist" most definitely stands out. In the world that **Don McGregor** and **Val Mayerik** are creating, one man's death is significant. Murder is not pretty. A family is important. And magicians are as clumsy and ineffective as anybody in any other walk of life. "The Mist" stretches credibility, of course. For instance, in "Victoria Rode the Subway Last Night" the fist-and-gun battle went on forever! Even in New York, you can't get away with that. And yet, the look of the subways and streets is right on target. This heavy dose of reality inching toward fantasy is a breath of fresh air!

**WILLIAM FURST**  
Newark, N.J.

**EERIE** #122 was a fair issue. The good material perfectly balanced out the junk. Under junk, I would have to list "The Beast of Sarnadd Doom." **Gonzalo Mayo** is a great artist, but he doesn't know when to stop! "Sarnadd Doom" was so thickly rendered I couldn't make out what was happening! And **Budd Lewis** was no help. The story was as boring as a history survey course, and the writing was stiff and spiritless. The epic style is definitely not **Lewis's** bag! The other piece I list under junk is "Haggarth." About four pages worth of story stretched to fourteen tedious pages! **Victor de la Fuente** is a great artist. He always was. He may even be the best in the business. But he takes himself entirely too seriously as a writer. And the way he left off the story, I can tell that all we have to look forward to in the next installment is another de la Fuente talkathon.

**NICHOLAS ROSSI**  
Reno, Nevada

I've always enjoyed **Victor de la Fuente's** epics, but the chapter that appeared in **EERIE** #122 really made his world come alive! The tormented, humorless **Haggarth** needs a character like the scoundrel wanderer to counterpoint **Haggarth's** grim and determined quest. The scoundrel adds humor, and a quality of unpredictability, to the story. Readers (and movie audiences) relate more easily to cowardice and villainy than they do to high-minded soul-searching and courage and virtue. Thus, I chuckle with glee when the dwarf king appears on the page...I really can't wait until **Haggarth** does that little schmuck in. Nobody deserves to get it the way that little twerp does!

**JASON ROSSITER**  
Cleveland Hts., Ohio

# CAGIM

## THE SEA OF RED

IT HAD GONE **SOUR** SO QUICKLY!  
THE GREAT **PROPHECY** FROM  
THE COURTS OF **CAMELOT**, THE LEGEND  
OF HOPE...NOW DASHED, TURNED  
BLACK AS DEATH.

VIVIEN HAD OUT-THOUGHT  
THEM ALL! SHE **KILLED**  
MERLIN, **DESTROYED** THE  
SUPERSECRET **ROUNDTABLE**  
AGENCY, CAST THE **SPELL** OF  
**FIRE** UPON LONDON, AND  
CAPTURED **KING ARTHUR!**  
ONLY **CAGIM** REMAINED  
**UNSCATHED!**



SEE EERIE #117, "CITY OF FIRE!"

MERLIN!  
OH GOD, MERLIN,  
SHE'S **MURDERED** YOU!  
THE **WITCH** MURDERED  
YOU!

IT'S MY  
FAULT! I  
ONLY HAD TO  
KEEP HER AWAY  
FROM **ARTHUR!** AND  
NOW I FAILED!...  
SHE'S GOT  
HIM!



SHE  
DEFEATED  
MERLIN WITH THE  
**CURSE OF FIRE AND**  
**FLOOD**...BUT SHE'LL  
NEVER DESTROY  
HIS DREAM!

I'LL FOL-  
LOW HER ACROSS  
A **SEA OF BLOOD**  
TO BRING **ARTHUR**  
BACK!



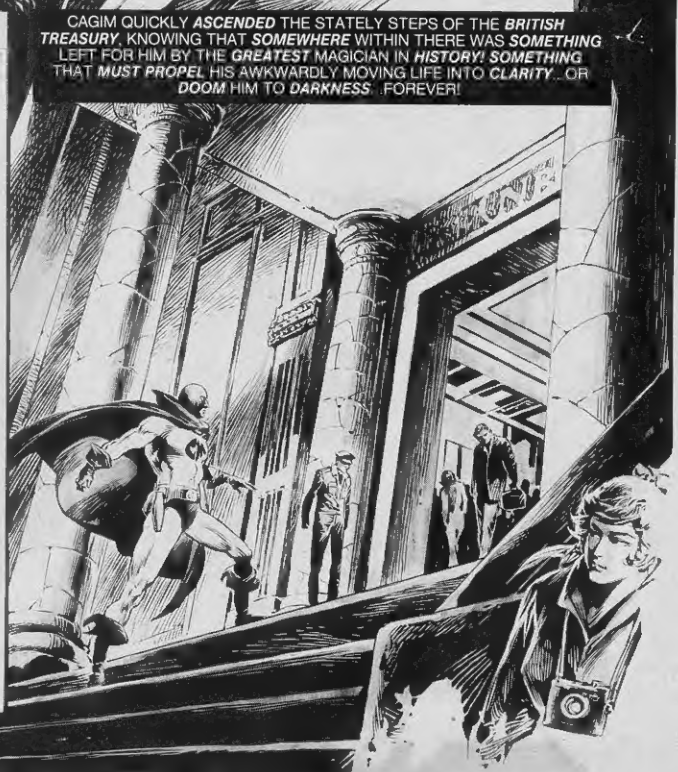
I'LL FIND  
HER. THEN IT  
WILL BE HER **MAGICKS** AGAINST  
MINE!

ARTHUR'S  
LIFE DEPENDS  
ON THE OUT-  
COME...AND  
THE **FATE OF THE WORLD!**

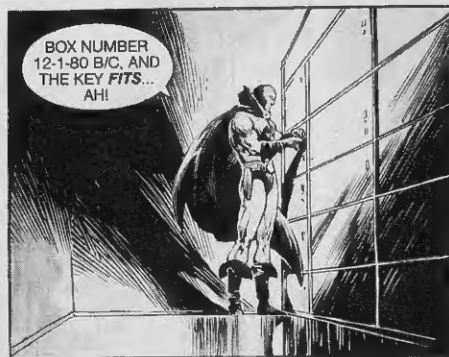


FOR A SUSPENDED MOMENT IN TIME, THE ANCIENT STOOD FAST. THE FROZEN BODIES OF LONDON'S CITIZENRY TOTTERED SOMEWHERE BETWEEN DAMNATION AND SALVATION! THE MAGIC FIRE CRACKLED IN THE EMPTY GULFS BETWEEN THEIR VERY MOLECULES, BATTLING TO BREAK THE BONDS OF THEIR ENSORCELLED PURGATORY.









BOX NUMBER  
12-1-80 B/C, AND  
THE KEY FITS...  
AHI!



A  
VELVET PURSE!  
WHAT ARE YOU UP  
TO, YOU OLD DE-  
MON?

FROM *INSIDE* THE SMALL VELVET POUCH, THE  
YOUNG MAGICIAN WITHDREW MERLIN'S MYSTIC  
SECRET. A PRICELESS CRYSTAL AND A SLIP OF  
PARCHMENT BEARING WORDS OLDER THAN  
THE RACE OF MAN.

A GEM!  
WITH MERLIN'S MARK ON  
IT! AND THIS PIECE OF  
PAPER!



OF  
COURSE!  
MERLIN!



*Speak of the  
Magic.  
Speak of the  
Enchantment.  
Speak of the  
Rune.  
Speak of the  
Legerdemain.  
Speak of the  
Necromance.*



IT GLOWS!  
IT'S MAGIC!

NO, AMBROSE.  
THE CRYSTAL YOU HOLD  
IS NOT MAGIC. IT IS CAL-  
LED A GEIST, MERLIN'S  
GEIST, AND IT CON-  
TAINS THE ESSENCE  
THAT MERLIN WAS!

I...THE GEIST...AM YOUR  
"LIBRARY." AMBROSE! SOME-  
HOW, MERLIN TAUGHT HIMSELF  
ALL HIS MAGICKS... AND IT  
IT WAS DONE THROUGH  
THE GEIST!



AND NOW, AS FOR  
ARTHUR...VIVIAN HAS HIM!  
IT WAS EXPECTED! LISTEN  
TO ME CAREFULLY...



YOU CANNOT STOP WHAT VIVIAN HAS ALREADY BEGUN! SHE HAS A BEWITCHED ARTHUR IN HER LAIR! THIS YOU CANNOT STOP!

SHE WILL MAKE ARTHUR HER GENERAL, AND HER FIRST STRIKE OF TERROR WILL BE AGAINST...THE ROUNDTABLE!

WARN OUR AGENTS! INTERCEPT THE WITCH THERE! FOR IF SHE SUCCEEDS IN DESTROYING THAT AGENCY, THE WORLD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND HER ASSAULT!

THE BRILLIANT GLOW OF THE GEIST LAPSED INTO DULLNESS! ITS INITIAL COUNSEL WAS OVER! CAGIM KNEW WHAT HE MUST DO...!



AS THE YOUNG MAGICIAN HURRIED THROUGH THE EXIT, HE WAS NOT READY FOR THE BLINDING LIGHT WHICH EXPLODED IN HIS FACE!



W-WHAT?...

SPLOOF!

W-WHO THE HELL ARE YOU! AND WHAT THE DEVIL DID YOU DO THAT FOR?

MY NAME IS CECILY SPOFFORTH-BIGGS, AND I WORK FOR THE LONDON TIMES!

I SAW WHAT YOU DID, AND WHOEVER OR WHATEVER YOU ARE IS FOR THE AUTHORITIES TO FIGURE OUT!



SO, UH, WHAT ARE YOU, A MAGICIAN?

WHAT AM I ASKING FOR?! WHAT DO I CARE? I'M TURNING THIS STORY OVER TO THE POLICE AND MY EDITOR!

WAIT A MINUTE! IT WAS A MAGIC SPELL, ALL RIGHT, BUT I DIDN'T CAST IT, I REMOVED IT!

AND FOR GOD'S SAKE!...I DON'T DARE INVOLVE THE POLICE IN THIS!

YOU'RE RUNNING AROUND IN A RIDICULOUS SUIT AND YOU DON'T WANT TO ATTRACT THE POLICE?

OKAY, OKAY, YOU'RE RIGHT! I WAS ONLY TRYING TO KEEP MY IDENTITY SECRET!



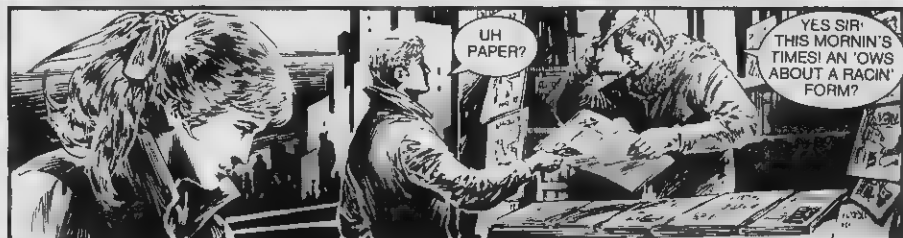
SAY, WAIT A MINUTE! WHY WEREN'T YOU FROZEN TOO?!

I DUNNO, I'VE JUST NEVER BEEN INCLUDED IN ANYTHING!

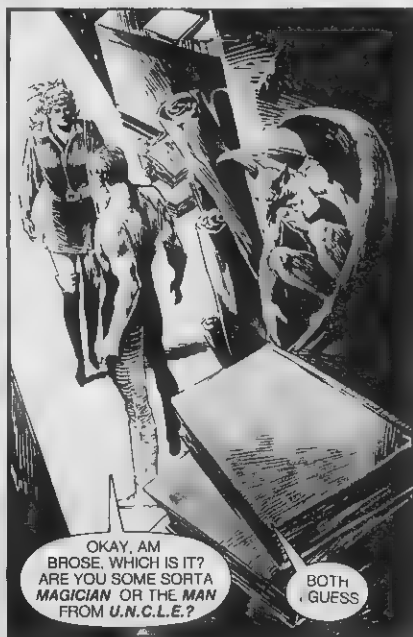
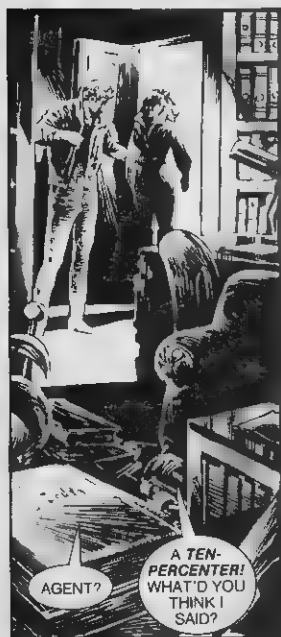
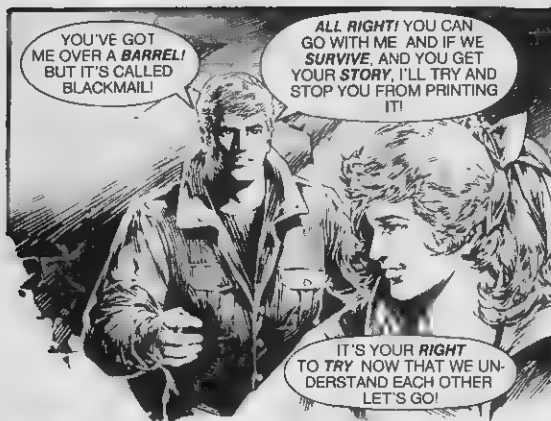
WHAT...?













AND I KNOW  
WHERE!

BLAM!



A  
HOMUNCULUS! AN  
ARTIFICIALLY CRE-  
ATED CREATURE. A  
SNEAK SPY! THE OB-  
SCENE EYE OF  
THE WITCH!

WHATEVER ITS  
LITTLE EYES SEES,  
VIVIEN SEES!



ONE THING YOU CAN  
BET. THIS THING  
SAW YOUR FACE!

WHICH MEANS YOU  
COULDN'T GET OUT OF THIS  
NASTY *BUSINESS* NOW  
EVEN IF YOU WANTED  
TO



MAYBE  
I WASN'T  
NOTICED!



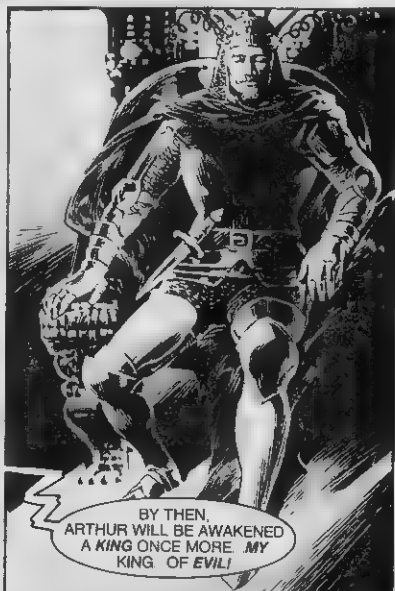
SO,  
AMBROSE HAS A NEW COM-  
PANION! A JOURNALIST!

SHE'S NO THREAT  
OUR THREAT IS THAT WATCH-  
DOG OF MERLIN'S, THAT  
CAGIM! IF AMBROSE CON-  
TACTS HIM, HE'LL TRY  
TO INTERCEPT US!

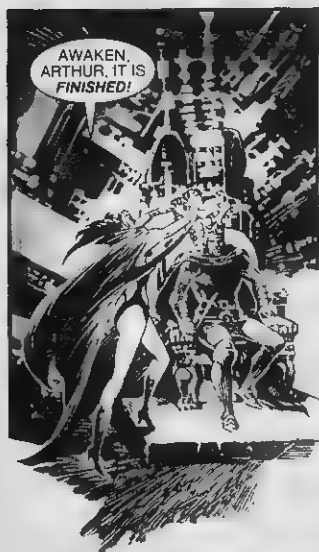


YES, I'LL  
HAVE A LITTLE SURPRISE  
WAITING FOR MERLIN'S  
PUPPIES AT ROUND-  
TABLE

FOR ALL I HAVE  
TO DO IS TAKE THE  
GIRL. THEN I'LL HAVE  
AMBROSE AND CAGIM TO  
DISPOSE OF ALL IN ONE  
NEAT PACKAGE



BY THEN,  
ARTHUR WILL BE AWAKENED  
A KING ONCE MORE. MY  
KING OF EVIL!



AWAKEN,  
ARTHUR. IT IS  
FINISHED!

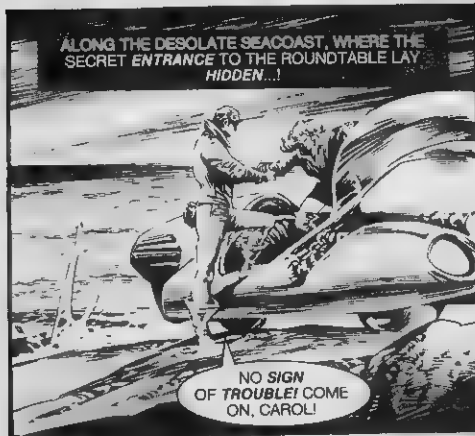


RISE, LORD  
ARTHUR! ADDRESS  
YOUR HONOR  
GUARD

ENSLAVED IN THE DOMAIN OF  
EVIL, ARTHUR ROSE TO COM-  
MAND HER HELLISH TROOPS  
WITH A SPECIAL CHARISMA... THE  
POWER OF LEADERSHIP!



FOLLOW THE  
COMMAND OF THE LADY  
VIVIEN FOLLOW THE EDGE  
OF MY SWORD. FOLLOW ME  
TO VICTORY AT THE  
ROUNDTABLE!



ALONG THE DESOLATE SEACOAST, WHERE THE  
SECRET ENTRANCE TO THE ROUNDTABLE LAY  
HIDDEN...

NO SIGN  
OF TROUBLE! COME  
ON, CAROL!



BE CAREFUL!  
THESE ROCKS ARE  
SLIPPERY! YOU  
COULD FALL RIGHT  
INTO THE  
SEA!

WHERE RE  
WE GOING  
ANYWAY?

THE  
SECRET  
ENTRANCE IS  
JUST AHEAD. ONLY  
A MEMBER OF THE  
ROUNDTABLE CAN  
OPEN IT, EVEN IF  
IT'S ACCIDENTALLY  
DISCOVERED!



OH MY  
GOD! IT'S OPEN!  
THAT COULD ONLY  
MEAN



SHE'S  
HERE!

SHE'S ALREADY  
MADE ARTHUR HER  
SLAVE AND LED THE  
MUTANTS HERE! ONLY  
ARTHUR COULD'VE OPENED  
THAT DOOR! ONLY  
VIVIEN COULD'VE  
MADE HIM  
DO IT!



IN MORTAL  
TERROR,  
AMBROSE  
RUSHED  
INTO THE  
GREAT  
COUNCIL  
ROOM OF  
ROUND-  
TABLE. HIS  
SHOUTS OF  
WARNING  
DYING IN HIS  
THROAT!

TOO LATE!

YES, AMBROSE  
FAR TOO LATE!

WHAT DO  
YOU THINK OF HIM  
NOW, OUR EVIL LORD  
ARTHUR? HE'S **BROKEN**  
MERLIN'S TABLE, AND  
KILLED HIS MEWLING  
KNIGHTS.

WE'LL BE TAKING OUR  
LEAVE, NOW THERE'S A **WORLD**  
ACROSS THE SEA TO CONQUER! GOOD-  
BYE AMBROSE. SAY GOODBYE TO  
THE BOY, ARTHUR

GOODBYE  
AMBROSE

OH, JUST IN  
CASE YOU OR THAT  
FOOL CALLED CAGIM  
DECIDE TO FOLLOW,  
I'M TAKING ALONG  
A LITTLE IN-  
SURANCE!

GUARDS!  
GRAB THAT  
GIRL!

THE GIRL!  
YOU IDIOTS!  
THERE! STANDING  
NEXT TO AMBROSE!  
GRAB HER!

W-WHO?

FOR A SINGLE, CONFUSED MOMENT,  
THE WITCH'S HENCHMEN GLANCED  
AROUND TO SEE *WHOM* THEIR  
MISTRESS WAS TALKING ABOUT!

I TOLD  
YOU I'D BE OVER-  
LOOKED!

CAROL!  
MAKE A RUN  
FOR IT! I'LL  
HOLD THEM!

BEFORE AMBROSE COULD GET NEAR THEM, VIVIEN DISAP-  
PEARED WITH ARTHUR THROUGH THE REAR EXIT, LEAVING  
OUT TO THE SEA!

SO LONG  
AMBROSE

MY GOD!  
THE WITCH HAS  
TURNED THE SEA IN-  
TO A LIVING NIGHT-  
MARE OF BLOOD!

IT'S  
REACHING FOR  
ME!!



# PYRAMID

THE FACTS, AS  
RESOLVED, ARE THESE:

ON 2688.068, THE  
MEMBERS OF THE  
GENETICALLY-ENHANCED  
COMMUNITY OF SUPER-  
GENIUSES KNOWN AS THE  
ALLIANCE OF LIGHT  
DETERMINED TO  
OVERTHROW THE  
EXISTING GALACTIC  
GOVERNMENT, AND  
REPLACE IT WITH A  
SYSTEM DEDICATED TO  
"THE UNBLINKING  
PURSUIT OF UNIVERSAL  
TRUTHS."

NINE HUNDRED STAR  
SYSTEMS WERE SWEEP  
UP IN THE RESULTING  
WAR...A CONFLICT OF  
STAGGERING SCOPE AND  
UNSPEAKABLE  
DEVASTATION. IN THE  
END, THE ALLIANCE WAS  
DEFEATED, AND ITS  
MEMBERS PROMPTLY  
FLIT TO DEATH.

SEVENTEEN YEARS  
LATER, THE UNITED  
STELLAR REPUBLIC WAS  
STILL TRYING TO REPAIR  
ALL THE DAMAGE.

# OF THE BLACK SUN:

# ORKA





WORDLESSLY, THE TWO MEN DEFTLY BLEW OPEN A CAMOUFLAGE TARPULIN TO CONCEAL THEIR UNATTENDED CRAFT



TEN KILOMETERS AHEAD IS AN OASIS WE CAN GET A COUPLE OF CAMOSAURS THERE

THERE'S NO WATER BEFORE THEN SO FIX YOUR CANTEN WELL



BY AFTERNOON, THE BLAZING HEAT OF ARKARAN BECAME TRULY PARALYZING. EVEN THE CAMOSAURS WERE IN AGONY AS AMBASSADOR ORKA AND HIS GUIDE ESKIRRA RODE TOWARD THE CITY



ORKA'S FIRST IMPRESSION WAS THAT THEY HAD LANDED IN PARTICULARLY BRUTAL STRETCH OF DESERT, BUT SOON REALIZED THAT THE ENTIRE PLANET WAS THE SAME WAY

GODS OF  
THE GALAXY!  
MY MOUNT IS  
GOING CRAZY!

THEY'RE  
AFRAID! THEY  
SMELL SOME  
THING!

YES! I SMELL  
IT TOO! COMING FROM  
THAT DIRECTION!

THE SCENT  
IS OVERPOWERING!  
WHAT DOES IT MEAN,  
ESKIRRA?

NO TIME  
TO EXPLAIN  
QUICK, MAN  
FOLLOW MY  
LEAD!

ABRUPTLY, ESKIRRA *BROKE AWAY* HIS MOUNT GALLOPING FRANTICALLY! IT TOOK ALL ORKA'S EFFORT TO KEEP UP WITH HIM!

LIKE FISHES, THE GREAT *SAND SERPENTS* SWAM THROUGH THE DUNES, CHASING THE MEN, EXCITED BY THE SCENT OF HUMAN BLOOD!

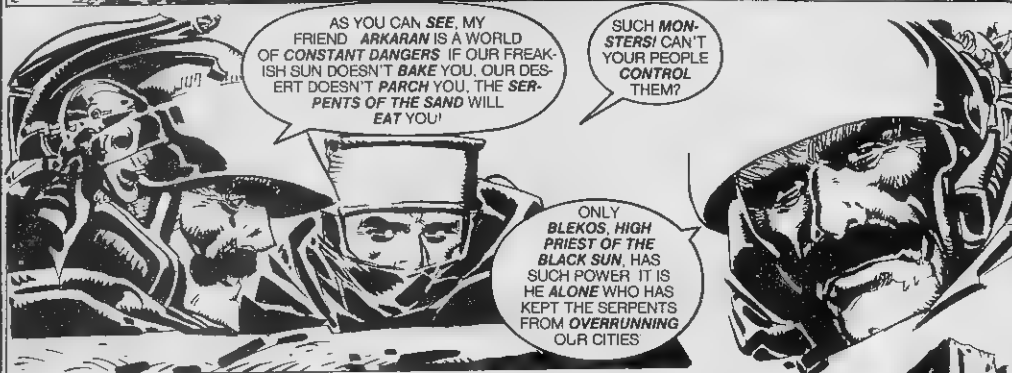
THE ONCE  
HARMLESS  
DESERT  
DENIZENS  
HOLD  
DOMINION  
OVER ALL  
THE SANDS  
BETWEEN THE  
CITIES

AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES OF FURIOUS RIDING, THE HEAT AND EXHAUSTION PROVED TOO MUCH FOR THE CAMOSAURS



ESKIRRA!  
STOP! YOU'RE  
KILLING OUR  
MOUNTS!

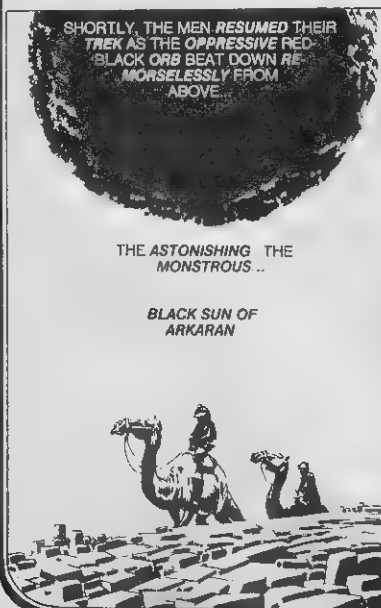
IT'S ALL-  
RIGHT NOW! WE'VE  
OUTRUN THE  
DEVILS!



AS YOU CAN SEE, MY  
FRIEND ARKARAN IS A WORLD  
OF CONSTANT DANGERS. IF OUR FREAK-  
ISH SUN DOESN'T BAKE YOU, OUR DES-  
ERT DOESN'T PARCH YOU, THE SER-  
PENTS OF THE SAND WILL  
EAT YOU!

SUCH MON-  
STERS! CAN'T  
YOUR PEOPLE  
CONTROL  
THEM?

ONLY  
BLEKOS, HIGH  
PRIEST OF THE  
BLACK SUN, HAS  
SUCH POWER. IT IS  
HE ALONE WHO HAS  
KEPT THE SERPENTS  
FROM OVERRUNNING  
OUR CITIES



SHORTLY, THE MEN RESUMED THEIR  
TREK AS THE OPPRESSIVE RED-  
BLACK ORB BEAT DOWN RE-  
MORSELESSLY FROM  
ABOVE.

THE ASTONISHING THE  
MONSTROUS ..

BLACK SUN OF  
ARKARAN

BEHOLD,  
ORKAI, THE TOWER  
OF MY MASTER,  
GASUL!

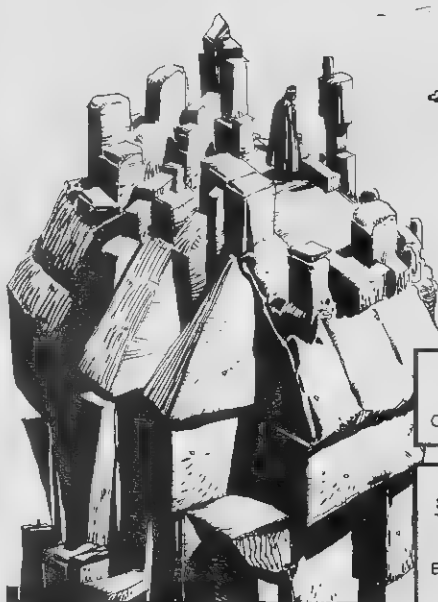
LORD GOV-  
ERNOR OF ARKARAN  
SECOND ONLY IN POWER  
TO BLEKOS HIM-  
SELF!

BUT I'M  
INTERESTED IN  
BLEKOS. NOT HIS  
SECOND-IN-COM-  
MAND!

THAT IS  
FOR LATER YOUR  
BUSINESS NOW IS  
WITH GASUL!

FROM HIS PERCH ATOP THE TOWER, ORKA SURVEYED THE CITY OF KEPARA. HE WAS **STRUCK** BY ITS MOST GLARING **CONTRAST**: THE **MASSIVE CRYSTALLINE STRUCTURE** SETTLED AMONG **PRIMITIVE CLAY DWELLINGS**.

HIS **ADVANCED REPORTS** WERE WELL-FOUNDED. THE **PSYCHIC WAVES** SEEMED RIGHT. THE MAN HE WAS **LOOKING** FOR WAS **SOMEWHERE** IN THE CITY **BELOW**.





THAT MAN WAS **ULZAN R.** ...FORMER LEADER AND LAST **SURVIVING MEMBER** OF THE ALLIANCE OF LIGHT.

FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS, SINCE THE GRISLY **END** OF THE **ALLIANCE WAR**, **ULZAN R.** HAD **ELUDED** JUSTICE. NOW, AT LONG LAST, THE **BLOODY FIEND** WAS WITHIN **ORKA'S GRASP**.



ORKA **CONSIDERED** HIS ELABORATE **PLAN** TO **CAPTURE** **ULZAN R.** NO **FLAW** COULD GO **UNPERCEIVED**. **ULZAN R.** MUST NOT **ESCAPE AGAIN!**


SUDDENLY, ORKA'S THOUGHTS WERE **DISTURBED** BY THE **COMMANDING PRESENCE** OF **GASUL**, **LORD GOVERNOR** OF **ARKARAN**.



YOU ARE **FAR** FROM HOME, **AMBASSADOR ORKA**. I **SUSPECT** YOUR **PURPOSE** HERE IS **MORE** THAN JUST A **COURTESY CALL**.

YOUR **MAN**, **ESKIRRA**, HAS TOLD ME YOU WANT **WATER**. I HAVE **WATER** TO **SELL**.

I HAVE **SEVERAL SOURCES** FOR **WATER** ALREADY FROM ALL THE **REGIONS** OF THE **GALAXY**. **WHY** SHOULD I **BUY** YOURS?







BECAUSE YOU DO NOT WANT THE **STELLAR AUTHORITY** INTERFERING WITH YOUR **SUPPLY LINES** AND AS AN **AMBASSADOR** OF THE **STELLAR REPUBLIC**, I CAN ORDER YOUR SHIPS **SEIZED** AS THEY ENTER YOUR **WATERS**

AH! SO IT IS **BLACK-MAIL** THEN!

NO! I CAN **HELP** YOU, GASULI! JUST AS I CAN COMMAND A **FLEET** OF SHIPS TO BRING **RUIN** ON YOU, SO CAN I PLACE THEM IN YOUR **REVENUE**

THE SHIPS COST ME NOTHING. I WILL **GIVE** THEM TO YOU! I ONLY WANT THE **MONEY** FOR THE **WATER**

A VERY **TEMPTING** OFFER, ORKA



THE **BLACK SUN** HAS **STOLEN** EVERY DROP OF **WATER** FROM OUR PLANET LEAVING US **DEPENDANT** ON THE WHIMS OF **INDEPENDANT SUPPLIERS**

BUT IF I HAD A **RELIABLE** FLEET OF SHIPS AT MY COMMAND, I COULD **IMPORT** ENOUGH WATER TO **IRRIGATE** THIS PLANET, AND RETURN **PROSPERITY** TO MY SUFFERING RACE!

AND YOU CAN **POCKET** THE DIFFERENCE YOUR CITIZENS **NORMALLY** PAY FOR **TRANSPORTATION** COSTS!



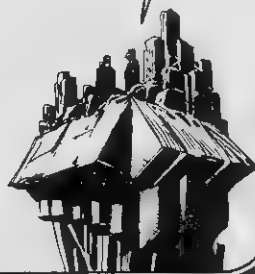
WHAT ARE YOU **SAYING**? THAT I WOULD PLACE **MYSELF** ABOVE THE NEEDS OF MY **PEOPLE**? I COULD **KILL** YOU FOR SUCH A **REMARK**!

**SPARE** ME YOUR **OUTRAGE**, GASULI! MY **REPORTS** PAINT YOU AS ANYTHING BUT A **PHIL-ANTHROPIST**!

I'M NOT CONCERNED WITH HOW YOU **TREAT** YOUR **SUBJECTS** I JUST WANT TO MAKE ENOUGH **MONEY** TO **RETIRE**

HOW YOU **STELLAR** OFFICIALS **SICKEN** ME **MASTERS** OF THE **GALAXY**... **RULERS** OF A **THOUSAND** **STAR** **SYSTEMS**...

LIKE **GODS** YOU **LORD** IT OVER US FROM **600 TRIL-LION** MILES AWAY YET NOT EVEN **SUSPECTING** ALL THAT'S INVOLVED IN **MANAGING** THE **DAY-TO-DAY** AFFAIRS OF A **TINY** **DESERT** **PLANET**



SEVENTEEN YEARS  
HAVE PASSED SINCE THE  
**ALLIANCE WAR** DEVASTATED OUR  
WORLD AND **STILL** NOTHING HAS BEEN  
DONE TO **RESTORE** OUR **SUN** TO ITS ORIG-  
INAL CONDITION, OR CAUSE **RAIN**  
TO FALL FROM OUR  
EMPTY SKIES



THIS WORLD  
IS DEAD. YOU KNOW  
THAT VERY WELL. GASUL  
THE **REPUBLIC** HAS OFFERED  
MANY TIMES TO **EVACUATE**  
THE POPULATION, BUT  
ALWAYS YOU'VE  
**REFUSED**

THE FACT IS,  
YOU **RELISH** THE **POWER**  
YOU **WIELD**. YOU'VE AM-  
ASSED A GREAT **FORTUNE**  
BY CONTROLLING THE  
**WATER** SUPPLY ON  
ARKARAN

YOUR PEOPLE  
HAVE COME TO **DEPEND** ON  
YOU FOR THEIR VERY **EXIST-  
ENCE**. IF **ANYONE** IS PLAY-  
ING GOD, IT IS  
**YOU, GASUL!**



YOUR  
INFORMATION  
IS **CORRECT**. AMBASS-  
ADOR, I AM A MAN  
ALWAYS IN SEARCH  
OF **POWER!**

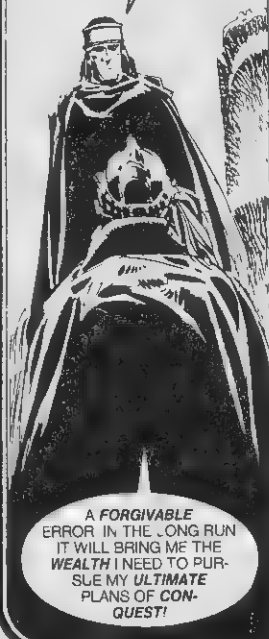
I GAINED THIS  
**APPETITE** DURING THE  
**OCCUPATION** OF MY PLANET BY  
THE **ALLIANCE OF LIGHT**. THEY,  
TOO, HAD NO **TOLERANCE**  
FOR THEIR  
INFERIORS



THEY  
DARED TO GO TO  
**WAR** AGAINST THE REP-  
UBLIC TO BREAK THEIR  
STRANGLEHOLD ON  
THEM

WHAT  
MEN AND WOMEN  
THESE WERE **CONQUER-  
ORS** OF HALF THE  
GALAXY!

HOW CAN  
YOU **ADMIRE** THE  
PEOPLE WHO CAUSED  
THE **DESTRUCTION**  
OF YOUR  
WORLD?



A **FORGIVABLE**  
ERROR IN THE LONG RUN  
IT WILL BRING ME THE  
**WEALTH** I NEED TO PUR-  
SUE MY **ULTIMATE**  
PLANS OF **CON-  
QUEST!**

DO I  
TAKE IT WE HAVE  
A **DEAL**, THEN,  
GASUL?



AYE, ORKA!  
THE **EXCLUSIVE**  
WATER SUPPLY  
RIGHTS FOR  
ARKARAN ARE  
**YOURS!**

**EXCELLENT!**  
THEN ALL THAT REMAINS  
IS FORM ME TO MEET  
WITH **BLEKOS**

**BLEKOS?**  
HE IS JUST A FOOL-  
ISH **PRIEST!** I AM  
THE **POWER**  
HERE



YOU MAY  
HOLD THE PEOPLE'S  
**PURSES**, GASUL, BUT **BLEKOS**  
HOLDS THEIR **HEARTS** AND  
**MINDS** BEFORE. CAN MAKE  
A **BARGAIN**, I MUST HAVE  
THE **BLESSINGS** OF ALL  
THE **FIGURES** OF  
POWER

THEN YOU  
SHALL **HAVE** IT.  
FRIEND ORKA, I WILL  
**TELL** ESKIRRA TO  
ESCORT YOU TO  
THE CITY

WHILE ARRANGEMENTS WERE **MADE** FOR HIS TRIP INTO **KEPARA**, ORKA LOOKED OUT ACROSS THE OCEAN OF SAND BLANKETING THE PLANET'S SURFACE. HE TRIED TO PICTURE A VISTA OF **GREEN PASTURES** AND **SPRAWLING FARMLANDS** AS ARKARAN WAS BEFORE THE ALLIANCE TURNED THE PLANET INTO A **LAUNCHING BASE**

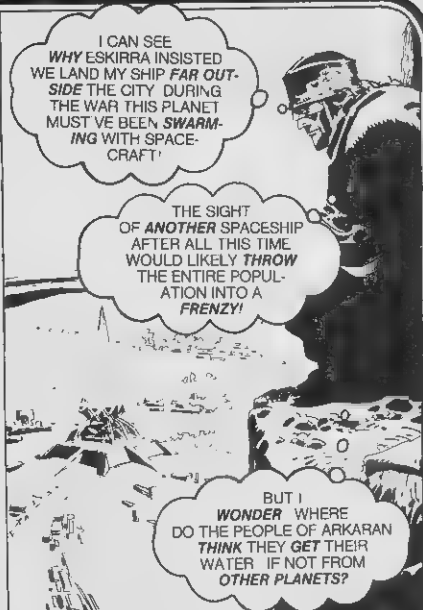


BUT THE VISION DIDN'T COME. HE SAW ONLY A **DEAD** PLANET CRUMBLING INTO **DUST**

I CAN SEE **WHY** ESKIRRA INSISTED WE LAND MY SHIP **FAR OUTSIDE** THE CITY. DURING THE WAR THIS PLANET MUST'VE BEEN **SWARMING** WITH SPACE-CRAFT!

THE SIGHT OF **ANOTHER** SPACESHIP AFTER ALL THIS TIME WOULD LIKELY **THROW** THE ENTIRE POPULATION INTO A **FRENZY!**

BUT I **WONDER** WHERE DO THE PEOPLE OF ARKARAN **THINK** THEY GET THEIR WATER IF NOT FROM **OTHER PLANETS?**



ORKA HELD NO MORE TRUST FOR **ESKIRRA** THAN HE DID FOR **GASUL**. **BOTH** WERE NATIVE ARKARANS, CUT FROM THE SAME **LARCENOUS CLOTH** AND BOTH COULD BE DEPENDED UPON TO **CUT** ORKA'S **THROAT** THE MOMENT THEY BELIEVED HE HAD SERVED OUT HIS USEFULNESS TO THEM

BUT WHEREAS THE AMBASSADOR FELT SURE HE COULD HANDLE ESKIRRA, **GASUL** FILLED ORKA WITH **TERROR**

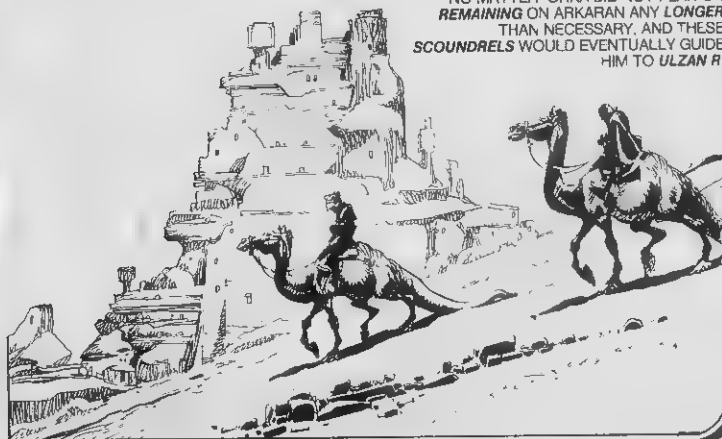
IT'S GETTING LATE, AND I'M **ANXIOUS** TO GET TO THE CITY. ARE YOU **READY**, ESKIRRA?

**SORRY** FOR THE DELAY, AMBASSADOR!

I HAD TO REFILL OUR **CANTEENS** AND ON THIS PLANET FINDING WATER IS A MAJOR LOGISTICAL PROBLEM!



NO MATTER, ORKA DID NOT PLAN ON **REMAINING** ON ARKARAN ANY **LONGER** THAN NECESSARY, AND THESE **SCOUNDRELS** WOULD EVENTUALLY GUIDE HIM TO **ULZAN R**



IT WAS STILL EARLY EVENING WHEN THE TWO MEN RODE INTO KEPARA, AND ORKA WAS SURPRISED TO FIND THE SHOPS ALREADY CLOSED, AND THE PEOPLE SHUT UP IN THEIR HOMES FOR THE NIGHT.

ESKIRRA!  
THOSE SERPENTS I  
SEE PAINTED OVER EVERY  
THRESHOLD WHAT DO  
THEY MEAN?

HEX SIGNS-  
TO WARD OFF THE  
REAL THING EACH  
HOUSE MUST HAVE  
THEM IT IS  
THE WILL OF  
BLEKOS

IT'S PAST  
CURFEW ALREADY! WE  
MUST FIND A ROOM  
WITHOUT DE-  
LAY!



OH!  
BLEKOS!

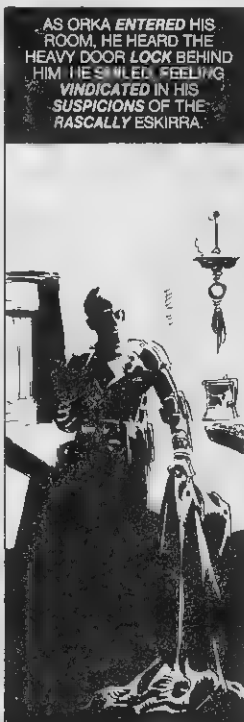
FINALLY, THE TWO EXHAUSTED  
TRAVELERS ARRIVED AT AN INN.



YOUR ROOM  
IS HERE, AMBASSADOR.  
I WILL WAKE YOU WHEN  
IT IS TIME TO MEET  
BLEKOS!



AS ORKA ENTERED HIS  
ROOM, HE HEARD THE  
HEAVY DOOR LOCK BEHIND  
HIM. HE SMILED, FEELING  
VINDICATED IN HIS  
SUSPICIONS OF THE  
RASCALLY ESKIRRA.



EVEN SINCE THEIR INITIAL  
MEETING ABOARD THE PALLAS  
STAR STATION, ORKA HAD KEPT  
A WARY EYE ON THE ARKARAN.

HE ALSO TOOK PRECAUTIONS  
AGAINST JUST THIS SORT OF  
TREACHERY!





ORKA WAITED AN HOUR MORE BEFORE SETTING TO WORK. AT LAST HE PRESSED A LASER DRILL TO THE DOOR, SILENTLY BURNING A HOLE THROUGH IT!



THEN, PEERING THROUGH THE HOLE, HE INSPECTED THE ACTIVITY IN THE HALLWAY.



AS EXPECTED, ORKA FOUND ESKIRRA ON SENTRY DUTY SOUND ASLEEP!



ORKA TURNED THE POWER UP ON HIS DRILL. THE LOCK ON THE DOOR CAME NEXT.



POOR ESKIRRA! HOW EASY IT WAS TO READ YOUR SIMPLE MIND!

YOU THOUGHT TO KEEP ME DOCILE BY DRUGGING MY CANTEN.

BUT IT SEEMS YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GETTING ALL THE REST TONIGHT.



BEFORE HE WENT, ORKA SWITCHED CANTENS BACK.

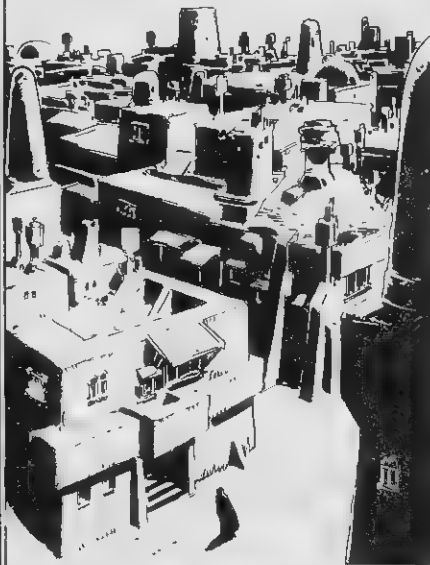
SLEEP WELL, MY TREACHEROUS FRIEND. I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I'VE FINISHED SOME BUSINESS!



MOMENTS LATER, ORKA QUIETLY SLIPPED INTO THE NIGHT!



SWIFTLY, ORKA MOVED WITH UNERRING SURENESS  
THROUGH THE *HEART* OF THE SLUMBERING CITY!



BUT AS ORKA CAME TANTALYZINGLY CLOSE TO HIS DESTINATION, HE  
WAS SUDDENLY STALLED.



A LIGHTNING-QUICK *KNEE* TO THE GROIN



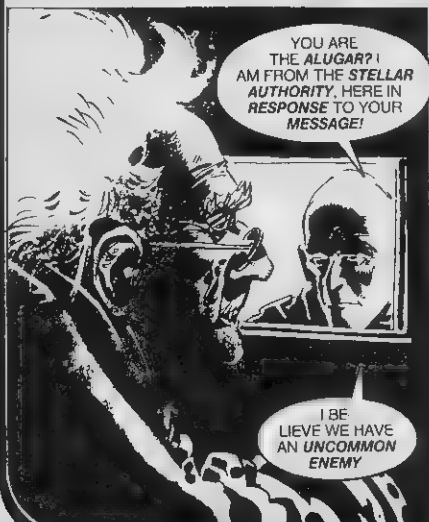
FOLLOWED BY A *BOOT* TO THE THROAT, AND THE *PROBLEM* OF THE SECOND LAW OFFICER WAS *REMEDIED*



ORKA CHECKED THE *TIME* THE *DRUG* ESKIRRA TOOK WAS GOOD ONLY FOR *TWO HOURS MORE*



HIS *PSYCHIC POWERS* GUIDED HIM THE *REST* OF THE WAY, WITHOUT EVER HAVING BEEN HERE *BEFORE*, ORKA KNEW *THIS* WAS THE *HOUSE* HE WAS *LOOKING* FOR.



YOU ARE THE *ALUGAR*? I AM FROM THE *STELLAR* *AUTHORITY*, HERE IN *RESPONSE* TO YOUR *MESSAGE*!

I BE *LIEVE* WE HAVE AN *UNCOMMON* *ENEMY*



I AM *ALUGAR* *WELCOME* TO MY *HOME*!

I AM ORKA *AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE* OF THE *UNITED* *STELLAR* *REPUBLIC*

I HAVE *COME* TO *ARKARAN* TO *RETURN* THE *MADMAN* *ULZAN R.* FOR *TRIAL*

THE *MAN* YOUR *PEOPLE* CALL *BLEKOS*!

TO BE CONTINUED

# GODS OF LIGHT



MAH'SESS WAS HAILED BY THE ANCIENT PROPHESIES AS THE MESSIAH OF MEN. BUT THE PEOPLE SAID THAT BEING BORN OF HUMAN FLESH HAD WEAKENED HIS SENSES, CORRUPTED HIS DIVINE POWERS, DIMMED HIS VISION, AND MADE HIM AN ABSOLUTE DESPOT WHO CATERED MERELY TO HIS OWN NEEDS

ONLY MAH'SESS KNEW THESE THINGS WERE NOT SO TRUE. HIS HUMAN WEAKNESSES HAD PROVEN TO BE HIS OWN GREATEST ENEMY, BUT THE ROAD TO KNOWLEDGE LED THROUGH HIS OWN SOUL.

IN ORDER TO WITHSTAND THE ATTACK OF THE DEMON ASSASSIN, MAH'SESS HAD TO REACH INTO AND DISCOVER WELLS OF POWER NEVER BEFORE TAPPED OR EVEN REALIZED! HIS BODY AND MIND CRACKLED WITH ENERGY DRAINED FROM THE DEMON!

NOW, MAH'SESS STOOD READY TO LEAD! MAH'SESS STOOD READY TO FULFILL HIS DESTINY!



YES, MY VISITORS HAVE RETURNED! THE HOUR OF PROPHECIES IS UPON US. PREPARE!

YES, LORD! AS YOU COMMAND!

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THEY WERE DEMONS RELEASED FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION BY THE UNTRIED, MISGUIDED POWERS OF MAH 'SESS. AND THEY REFUSED TO BE SUBDUED BY ANY MORTAL BEING, INCLUDING THE ONE WHO HAD INADVERTENTLY RELEASED THEM!

ABOVE THE CITY OF MAH 'SESS THEY LABORED CEASELESSLY IN THEIR RESOLVE TO CONQUER THE WORLD AND BLEED IT DRY. THEIR STRONGHOLD WAS "THE HIVE," A POWER SOURCE WHICH WOULD SOON BE DRAINING THE LIFE ESSENCE OF THE EARTH AND EVERY LIVING THING ON IT!

YET, THE DEMONS KNEW ONLY MAH 'SESS COULD THWART THEM, AND IT WAS THEY WHO SENT AN ASSASSIN TO KILL HIM. WHEN THEY LEARNED OF THE ASSASSIN'S FAILURE, THEIR OBSCENE ARTS PREPARED THE ULTIMATE ADVERSARY TO PIT AGAINST MAH 'SESS...

THE MEGA-DEMON!  
THE NURTURING PROCESS IS  
NEAR COMPLETION! MAH 'SESS  
CANNOT STAND AGAINST SUCH  
OVERWHELMING MIGHT!

WE THOUGHT  
THE SAME ABOUT THE  
ASSASSIN WE SENT  
REMEMBER?

BAH!  
THAT WAS  
A LESSER BEAST!  
THIS IS BALIGORN! HE  
FEEDS UPON THE POWER OF  
THE HIVE ITSELF! AND  
THE HIVE FEEDS UPON  
THE EARTH  
BELOW!

MAY THE  
GODS OF HELL  
PROTECT US FROM THE  
POWERS OF BALIGORN  
SHOULD HE TURN  
AGAINST US!

HIS OWN **SOLDIERS**, CONSUMED WITH **FEAR**, WEAKENED BY THE  
WHISPERED **LIES**, HAD TURNED **TRAITOROUS**, CRIPPLING THE ONLY  
DEFENSE AGAINST THE HIVE



COWARDS!



DID YOU **THINK**  
IT IS BETTER TO **SERVE**  
THESE DEMONS THAN TO **FIGHT** THEM?  
**FOOLS!** I WILL **SHOW** YOU  
HOW DEMONS **REWARD**  
TRAITORS!



**ARCHERS!** GIVE  
THEM THE **BLESSING** THEY  
HAVE **EARNED!** BUT FIRST, **REMOVE**  
THEIR **TONGUES!** AT LEAST  
THEY WILL DIE LIKE  
MEN **SILENT!**

SUDDENLY, ABOVE THEIR HEADS, THE **HIDEOUS FLAP OF LEATHERN WINGS** RESOUNDED AND A **SHADOW AS BLACK AS DEATH** FELL ACROSS THEIR **FACES!**

LORD  
MAH 'SESSI  
IT IS THE **DEMON**  
WHO CAME **BE-**  
**FORE!**

AYE, LORD!  
IT IS THE **MONSTER**  
WHO **TEMPTED** YOUR  
MEN INTO **TREA-**  
**CHERY!**

I SEE  
I AM **REMEM-**  
**BERED!**

AH .YOU HAVE  
**CHANGED**, MAH 'SESSI  
PERHAPS GROWN **MIGHTIER?**  
**GOOD!** YOU WILL NEED ALL  
YOUR **MIGHT** BEFORE  
THIS DAY IS **DONE!**

IF YOU DO **NOT**  
ACCEPT MY **OFFER**, YOU  
WILL **DIE** ALONG WITH ALL YOUR  
**PEOPLE**. BUT IF YOU **AC-**  
**CEPT** THE CHALLENGE,  
ONLY **YOU** WILL! I  
**PROMISE!**

WHAT  
IS THIS **CHAL-**  
**LENCE?**

THE **ARENA!**  
YOU, CHAMPIONING  
YOUR **PEOPLE**, AGAINST  
OUR **CHAMPION**, **BAL-**  
**IGORN!**

**DONE!**

THE LAUGHTER OF THE DEMONIC EMPEROR WAS HEARD HIGH INTO THE HEAVENS AS HE FLEW BACK TO REPORT WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

THE MAD  
TYRANT OF THE  
GROUNDINGS HAS  
GIVEN HIS  
ANSWER!

AND  
WHAT WAS HIS  
WORD?

THE FOOL  
BELIEVES THAT HE  
HAS A CHANCE OF SAVING  
HIS RACE BY WINNING  
THE GAME!

FOOL  
INDEED! BY  
FEEDING HIMSELF  
TO BALIGORN, HE  
WILL ONLY SUC-  
CEED IN GIVING  
HIS PEOPLE TO  
US ON A PLAT-  
TER!

WHAT GOOD  
SPORT THIS HAS  
BECOME! LET US  
HERALD THE NAME  
OF OUR CHAM-  
PION!

AS A IN  
RESPONSE TO  
THE CHEERING  
DEMONS, THE  
MEGA-DEMON  
CAME TO LIFE!

BALIGORN!



IN THE DARK HOURS BEFORE THE TEST, A BROODING MAH SESS CAME TO CONSULT WITH HIS TRUSTED WEAPONS MASTER!

HAIL ANIOKE! HOW GO THE REPAIRS ON THE CANNONS?

THE TRAITORS DID THEIR WORK WELL, MY LORD. IT WILL BE ALL I CAN DO TO PUT THEM BACK TOGETHER AGAIN BUT EVEN THEN, THEY WILL NEVER BE THE SAME!

I WAS AFRAID OF THAT! BUT EVEN MORE, I WAS AFRAID THAT MY GREAT MASTER OF WEAPONS COULDN'T RESTORE THEM AT ALL.

I KNOW YOU WELL, MAH SESS. THERE IS MORE THAN YOUR CANNONS TROUBLING YOU. YOUR MIND IS ON THE ARENA BATTLE TONIGHT. IS IT NOT?



COME INTO MY TENT, LORD! TELL ME WHAT TROUBLES YOU! IT IS VERY PRIVATE IN HERE!

YOU ARE TRULY WISE, ANIOKE! I FEAR THAT THERE IS NO HONOR AMONG THE DEMONS... AND IF I WIN OVER THEIR ABOMINABLE CHAMPION THERE MIGHT STILL BE TREACHERY!

FEAR THEIR DEMONIC CHAMPION IS UNCONQUERABLE... EVEN BY YOU!

THEN MAKE ME A WEAPON THAT WILL ASSURE MY VICTORY!

THEY SAY THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD DEFENSE! THEREFORE, THE WEAPON I AM CREATING IS A VERY SPECIAL SUIT OF ARMOR FOR YOU AND YOUR WARMOUNT!

WHEN THE SUN SET  
SWOLLEN AND BLOATED,  
THE LISTS WERE SET  
WITHIN THE ARENA FOR  
THE DEADLIEST AND  
EVER FOUGHT UPON THE  
EARTH!

AND THE STANDS WERE FILLED  
WITH THE ARMIES OF BOTH SIDES.



THEY HAD COME TO GIVE WITNESS TO THE GAME THAT  
WOULD DETERMINE WHO LIVED AND WHO DIED. AND THEY  
CHEERED, ONE AND ALL, GIVING VOICE TO THEIR HOPES AND  
THEIR FEARS!



AND ALL SECRETLY KNEW THAT WHEN THE GAME HAD ENDED,  
ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, THE BLOOD WOULD ONLY HAVE  
BEGUN TO FLOW!

MAH 'SESS MOUNTED HIS CHARGER AND SAT IMMEDIATELY IN THE DARK ENTRY CHUTE. THE MOMENT OF BATTLE HAD COME. IT SEEMED AS IF THE UNIVERSE WAS SET TO REVOLVE AROUND THIS INSTANT!

GUARD!  
WATCH ME CLOSELY  
BE READY WHEN IT  
GIVE THE SIGNAL!

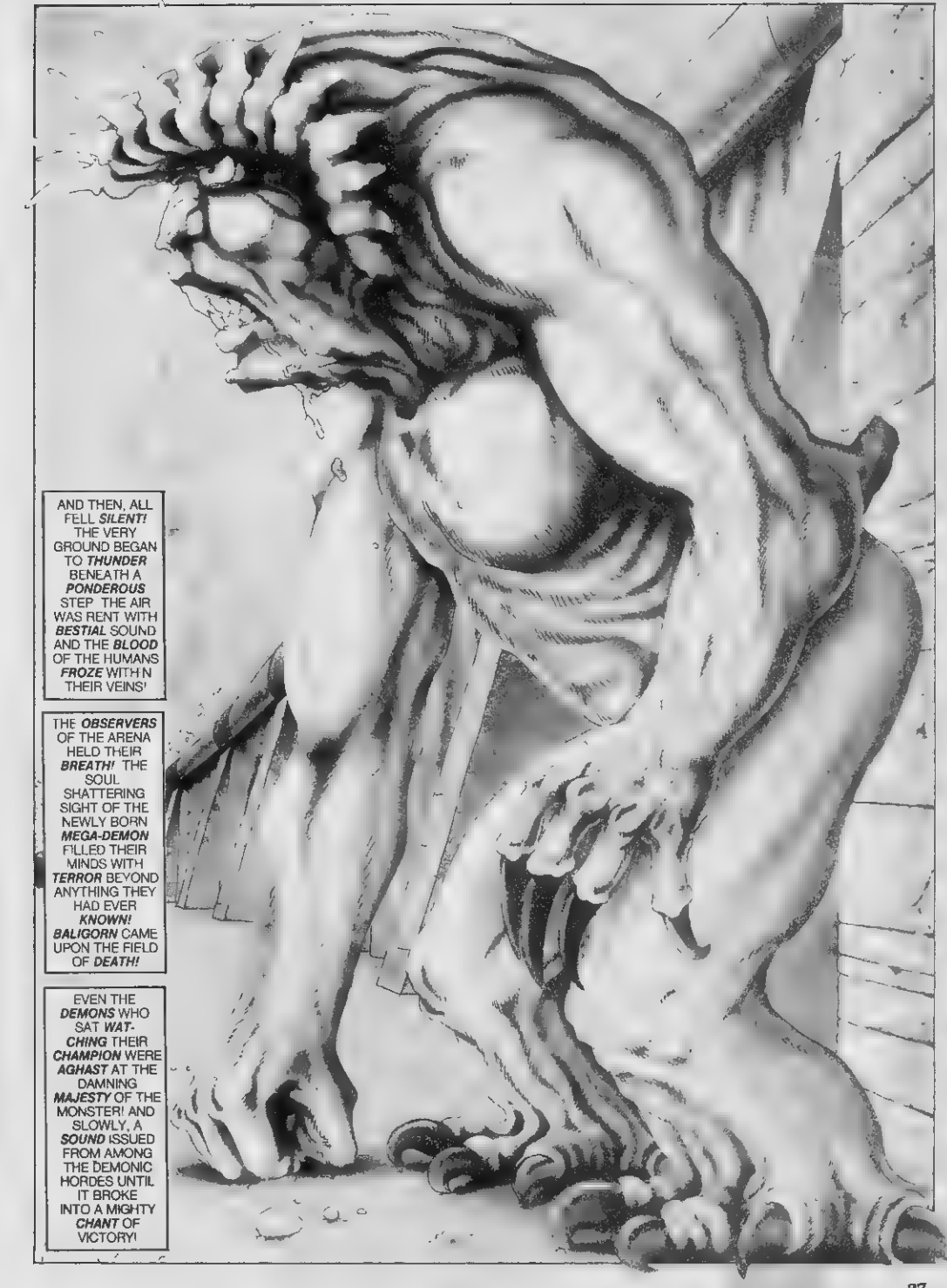
AYE  
OR?

WHEN THE TRUMPET CALLED THE CHAMPIONS TO TAKE THE FIELD, A MIGHTY ROAR ERUPTED FROM THE STANDS. AND LO MAH 'SESS GLEAMING LIKE A DAYSTAR GIRD IN AN ARMOR THAT NO EYE HAD EVER BEFORE BEHELD, RODE UPON THE FIELD OF COMBAT ASTRIDE HIS FAITHFUL SKIK.



AND FOR THE FIRST TIME THOSE WHO LOOKED UPON HIM FELT A SURGE OF PASSION, FOR THEY LOOKED UPON THEIR DESTINY. THE PROPHECY WAS AT HAND!

AND THEY CRIED ALOUD HIS NAME WITH RENEWED HOPE!



AND THEN, ALL  
FELL SILENT!  
THE VERY  
GROUND BEGAN  
TO **THUNDER**  
BENEATH A  
**PONDEROUS**  
STEP. THE AIR  
WAS RENT WITH  
**BESTIAL** SOUND  
AND THE **BLOOD**  
OF THE HUMANS  
**FROZE** WITHIN  
THEIR VEINS!

THE **OBSERVERS**  
OF THE ARENA  
HELD THEIR  
**BREATH!** THE  
SOUL  
SHATTERING  
SIGHT OF THE  
NEWLY BORN  
**MEGA-DEMON**  
FILLED THEIR  
MINDS WITH  
**TERROR** BEYOND  
ANYTHING THEY  
HAD EVER  
**KNOWN!**  
**BALIGORN** CAME  
UPON THE FIELD  
OF **DEATH!**

EVEN THE  
**DEMONS** WHO  
SAT **WAT-**  
**CHING** THEIR  
**CHAMPION** WERE  
**AGHAST** AT THE  
DAMNING  
**MAJESTY** OF THE  
MONSTER! AND  
SLOWLY, A  
**SOUND** ISSUED  
FROM AMONG  
THE DEMONIC  
HORDES UNTIL  
IT BROKE  
INTO A MIGHTY  
**CHANT** OF  
VICTORY!

THERE WAS NO ORDER, NO COMMAND NO GIVEN SHOUT TO COMMENCE THE DEADLY GAME. ONLY THE WHISPERED WORD FROM THE DRY LIPS OF MAH 'SESS TO HIS REPTILIAN CHARGER

NOW!

THE CRACKED EARTH WRITHED LIKE THE FLESH OF A LIVING THING. STONE CRACKED, AND TIMBERS SPLIT WHEN MAH 'SESS MET THE BEAST NAMED BALIGORN IN THAT TWILIGHT ARENA OF DEATH!

THE RIPPING SPIKES OF HIS WAR MOUNT'S ARMOR CAUGHT THE MEGA-DEMON IN ITS SOFT CENTER, PASSING THROUGH AND OUT! A GEYSER OF BLACK ICHOR FOUNTAINED UPWARD FROM THE BEAST

A SHOUT OF SURPRISE AND JOY WENT UP FROM THE HUMANS! A WAIL OF DESPAIR ASCENDED FROM THE GATHERED DEMON THROGS

BUT INSTANTLY, THE VICTORIOUS CHEER TURNED INTO A CRY OF HORROR AS THE BEAST TWISTED OFF THE SPIKES UNHARMED! THE MEGA-DEMON RAGED! THIS MERE HUMAN HAD DRAWN FIRST BLOOD!

AS IF IN REPLY TO HIS PEOPLE'S TERROR, MAH 'SESS DESPERATELY THREW HIS LANCE INTO THE DEMON'S SKULL, CLINGING TO IT WITH THE TENACIOUS FERVOR OF THE DOOMED!



INSANE WITH BLINDING **TORMENT**, BALIGORN PAWED THE AIR, AIMLESSLY FLAILING, UNABLE TO PULL MAH 'SESS FROM HIS HEAD. BUT THE HUMAN HAD BEGUN TO DRAW MORE THAN THE DEMON'S BLOOD!



AN INCREDIBLE **POWER** SURGED THROUGH MAH 'SESS' MIND AND BODY! EXACTLY AS IT HAD WHEN HE SLEW THE DEMON ASSASSIN. HE FELT THE **ESSENCE** OF THE DEMON DRAINING INTO HIS BODY, MAKING IT GLOW AND THROB WITH DEVASTATING ENERGY!

IN ANOTHER INSTANT, THE DRY, **EMPTY** CELLS OF THE MONSTER'S BODY COLLAPSED BENEATH THE HUMAN'S DEADLY GRASP!



AND BALIGORN FELL, A NERVELESS HUSK!

RIBS INVISIBLY RATED, HE REALIZED HE HAD GROWN MORE **POWERFUL** WITH EACH DEMON HE SENT BACK TO HELL! MAH 'SESS SMILED...



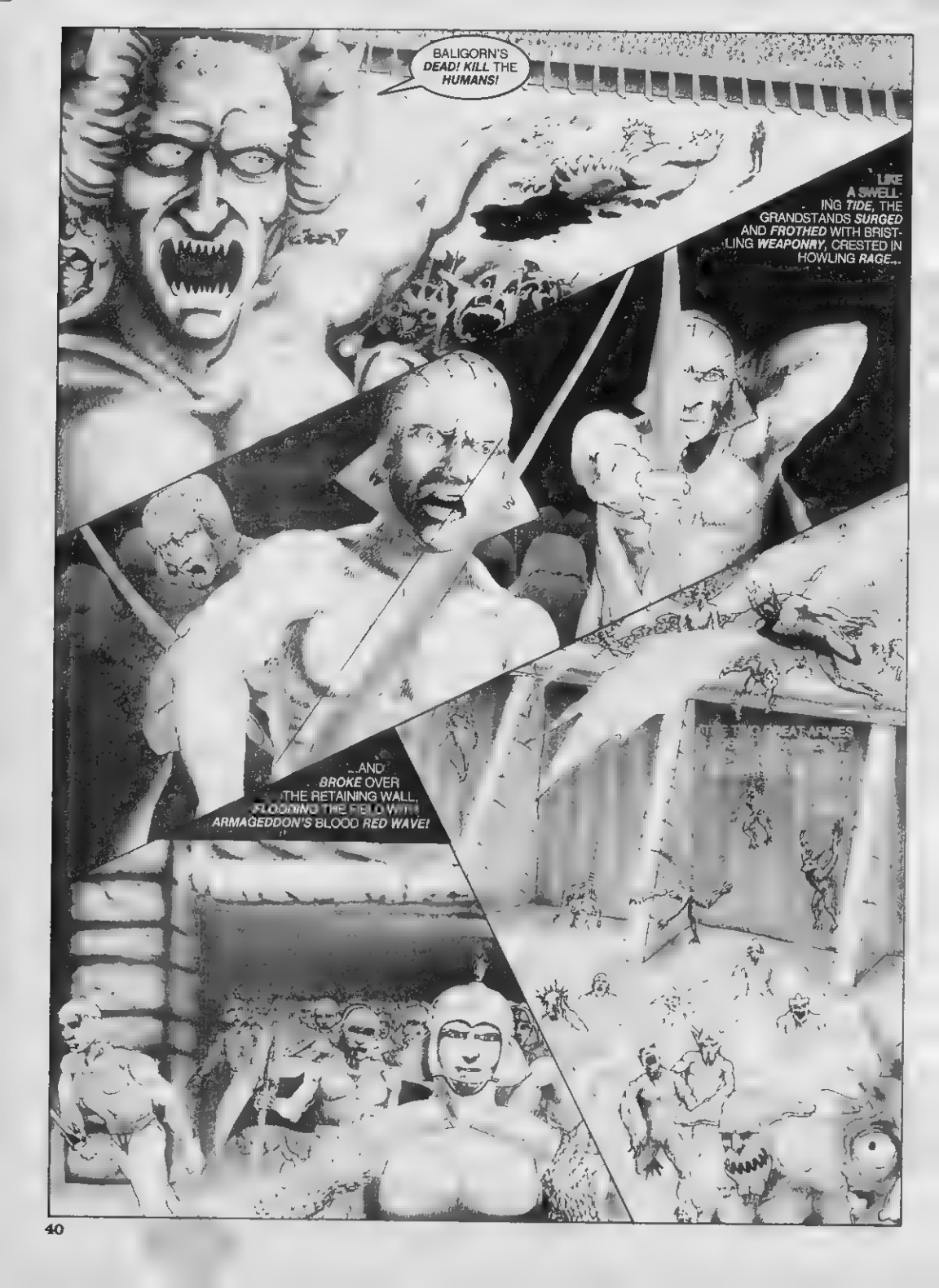
ONLY TO REALIZE HIS SUSPICION OF TREACHERY HAD BEEN WELL FOUNDED!



BALIGORN IS DEAD! ATTACK! KILL THEM ALL!

MAH 'SESS INSTANTLY GAVE HIS SIGNAL TO COUNTER-ATTACK!

ATTACK!!



BALIGORN'S  
DEAD! KILL THE  
HUMANS!

LIKE  
A SWELL-  
ING TIDE, THE  
GRANDSTANDS SURGED  
AND FROTHED WITH BRIST-  
LING WEAPONRY, CRESTED IN  
HOWLING RAGE...

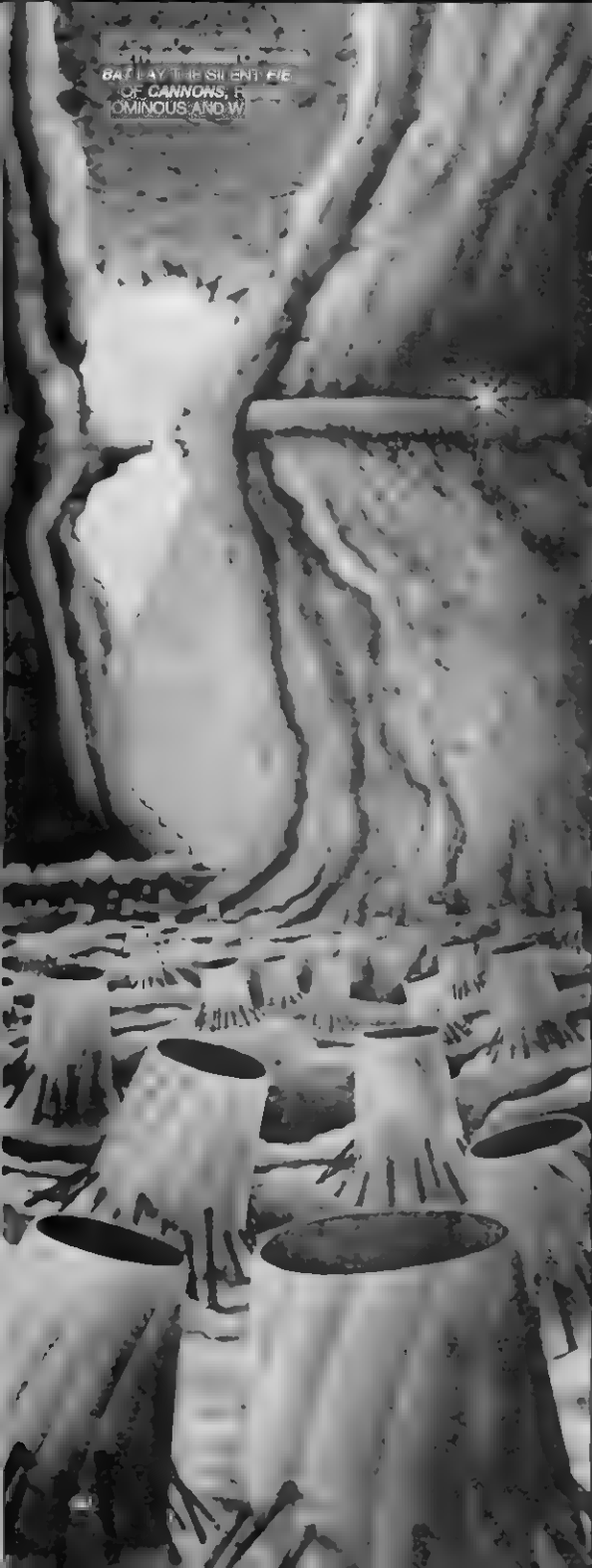
...AND  
BROKE OVER  
THE RETAINING WALL,  
FLOODING THE FIELD WITH  
ARMAGEDDON'S BLOOD RED WAVE!

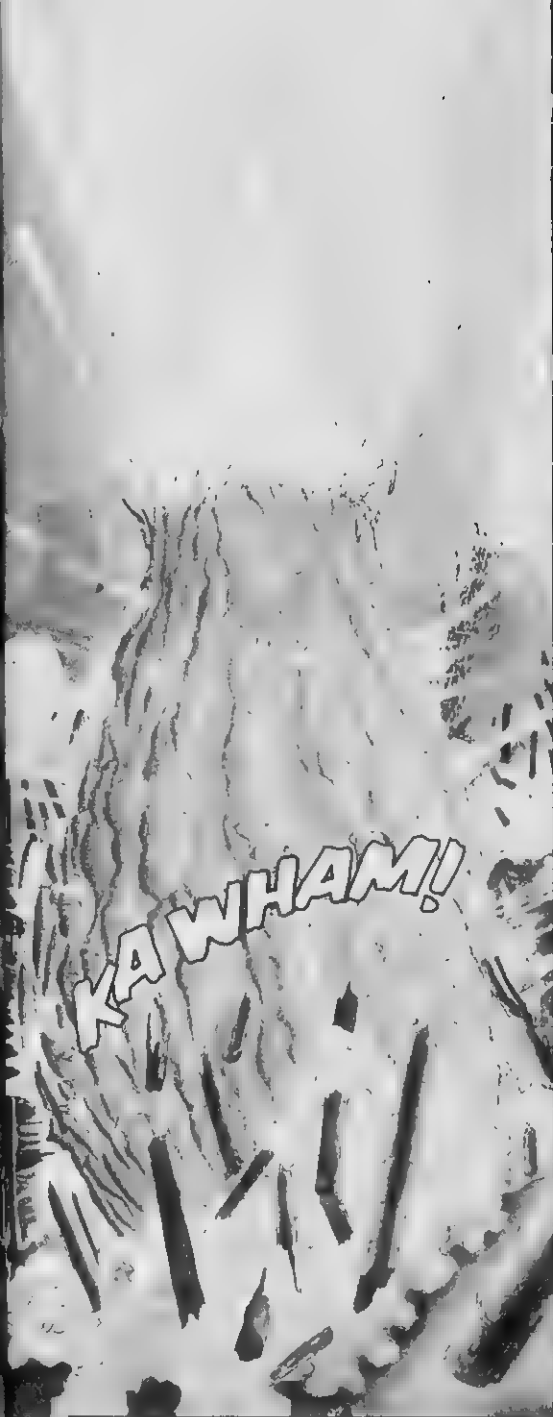
NEVER BEFORE IN ALL THE DIMENSIONAL UNIVERSES HAD THE DEMONIC HORDES FACED SUCH AN ADVERSARY! THE RESISTANCE AND WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER BY THESE MEN OF HUMANKIND AND THE STRANGE LORD WAS WITHOUT PARALLEL!

THEY HAD COME TO FEED, TO BREED AND TO BLEED DRY THE ENTIRE PLANET OF MAN. THEY HAD COME TO CONQUER THE GALAXY. THEY HAD COME TO BRING DEATH AND DARKNESS IN THEIR WAKE. AND NOWHERE HAD THEY EVER LOST!



BAT LAY THE SILENT FIE  
OF CANNONS, F  
OMINOUS AND W





IT WAS WISE OLD **ANIOKE** WHO HAD DIVINED THE **TRUTH** AND BUILT THE ARMOR. HE **KNEW** WHEN THE SLAUGHTER **BEGAN** MAH 'SESS WOULD DRINK THE **POWER** OF THE DYING **DEMONS**. AND SO HE MADE THAT ARMOR TO **RADIATE** THAT **ENERGY** SO IT COULD BE **SEEN** FAR OFF! AND **THAT** WAS THE SIGNAL HE **WAITED** FOR.



ONLY **ANIOKE** COULD HAVE BROUGHT THE **MANGLED** GUNS BACK TO LIFE. ONLY **ANIOKE** COULD HAVE MADE EACH **SHOT** COUNT SO **PROFOUNDLY!** AND THE **TARGET...**



THE HIVE!



DEMONS RAN SCREAMING AND DYING IN TERROR AS MISSILE AFTER MISSILE **RIPPED** THROUGH THE AERIAL, **FORTRESS OF EVIL.**

THE **HIVE** WRITHED IN THE THROES OF **DEATH** LIKE A **LIVING MONSTER.** AND STILL THE MISSILES **GASHED** OPEN THE SHELL AND **GUTTED** ALL **WITHIN** IT!

THE DEMONS HAD COME THROUGH THE BARRIER THAT HAD SEPARATED THE  
WORLD FROM THE REALITY OF CONSCIOUSNESS. MAHA VESS HAD NOT  
KNOWN THE POWER OF THE DEMONS. THEY COULD NOT KNOW THAT IT  
WAS THE POWER OF THE DEMONS THAT HAD MADE HIM THE BOY LEADER HIS FULL  
NAME WAS MAHA VESS. THAT IT WOULD BE THE DEMONS THAT  
WOULD CHURN MAHA VESS...

IN ONE WHOSE  
CASCADING OF  
SEETHING MASS  
MAHA VESS  
THE INSURGENT  
MEMBRANE, BETWEEN  
DIMENSIONS SENDING  
THE LAST OF THE  
DEMONS TUMBLING BACK  
TO THEIR OWN HELL.

AND WITH THIS SAVING  
LIGHT WAS DONE!

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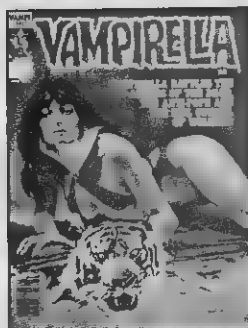
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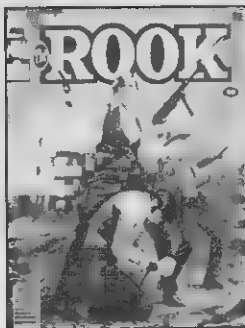


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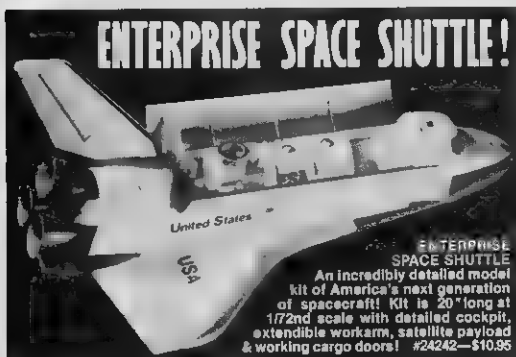
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KING THALL WAS A LITTLE MAN WITH GIGANTIC AMBITIONS! HIS SOLE DESIRE WAS TO RULE NOT ONLY HIS KINGDOM BUT THE ENTIRE KNOWN WORLD WITH AN IRON GLOVE OF FEAR! ONCE THAT GRANDIOSE AMBITION HAD BEEN REALIZED, THE DWARF KING WISHED MERELY FOR THE POWER OF THE GODS THEMSELVES!



IF NOT FOR A CLEVER PRIEST WHO HAD HIDDEN A SACRED PARCHMENT CONTAINING THE MYSTIC SECRET OF THE GODS BEFORE BEING SLAIN BY THE TREACHEROUS THALL, THE UNIVERSE ITSELF WOULD KNEEL BEFORE THE MAD, DIMINUTIVE KING!

LISTEN TO ME WE'VE GOT TO STOP LIVING LIKE FRIGHTENED RABBITS... RUNNING FROM THALL'S MERCENARIES EVERY TIME THEY RIDE INTO OUR LANDS!

WE MUST ORGANIZE A STRONG DEFENSE AROUND THE PERIMETERS OF OUR VALLEY TO STAVE OFF THALL'S RAIDING PARTIES!

HOW CAN WE DEFEND OUR HOMES AND OUR FAMILIES WITHOUT WEAPONS, BORIN? WE HAVE NEITHER TOOLS NOR RAW IRON TO MAKE THE SWORDS WE NEED!

YET, THALL'S SOLDIERS HAVE MORE THAN AMPLE ARMS PLUS HORSES TO TRAMPLE US INTO THE DIRT! THEY BUTCHER OUR PEOPLE! OUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE TERRIFIED... AND OUR MEN HAVE LOST ALL WILL TO FIGHT!



NO! WE MUST NOT SUCCEUMB TO FEAR! WE MUST FREE OURSELVES FROM THALL'S OPPRESSION! WE CAN NOT ALLOW OUR PEOPLE TO ABANDON HOPE!

WE MUST MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND THAT THE POWER OF THOSE WHO GOVERN US IS ONLY AS STRONG AS WE ALLOW IT TO BE!



EVEN AS THE REBEL PEASANTS ARGUED, THALL'S MERCENARIES RODE THROUGH THEIR LAND MORE IN QUEST OF SPORT THAN IN SEARCH OF THE ANCIENT SCROLL OF KNOWLEDGE SO DESPERATELY COVETED BY THEIR MASTER!



THEY FOUND ONLY ANGER AND SAVAGERY AT THE HANDS OF ILL-ARMED PEASANTS WHO HAD BEEN PUSHED PAST THE BRINK OF VIOLENCE BY THEIR KING'S MARAUDING LEGIONS!



YET EVEN WITH THE DUBIOUS ELEMENT OF SURPRISE IN THEIR FAVOR, THE OUTLAND SERFS WERE NO MATCH FOR THE TEMPERED BLADES OF THALL'S SEASONED WARRIORS!



COME!  
WE MUST INFORM  
BORIN! AGAIN OUR PEOPLE  
HAVE PROVEN LESS THAN  
THE EQUAL OF THALL'S  
BUTCHERS!



LOOK  
AROUND YOU  
BORIN! CAN  
YOU NOT SEE  
WITH YOUR  
OWN EYES  
THAT WHICH  
I HAVE TRIED  
TO TELL  
YOU?

WE CAN  
NOT DEFEND  
OURSELVES FROM  
THESE ASSASSINS  
WITH OUR BARE  
HANDS ALONE!





THE SUN LOLLED HIGH IN THE SKY,  
AND THE STENCH OF DEATH  
SMOTHERED THE SILENT LANDS AS  
YET ANOTHER RIDER TROD WARILY  
INTO THALL'S BATTLE-RAVAGED  
OUTLANDS!



PART WARRIOR  
PART WOODSMAN,  
THE RIDER KNEW  
WELL THAT HOSTILE  
EYES  
WERE  
UPON  
HIM!



YET THERE WAS PURPOSE IN HIS MOVEMENT. HE  
WAITED WITH THE PATIENCE OF A FOX FOR THE  
STALKERS TO CLOSE THEIR TRAP!

HOLD,  
INTRUDER!  
DROP YOUR SWORD  
OR BE SKEWERED  
LIKE A PIG!

LOWER YOUR  
WEAPONS, PEASANTS! I  
HAVE BEEN GRANTED SAFE  
PASSAGE THROUGH THIS  
LAND BY BORIN OF  
THE FOREST  
VALLEY!



WE SHALL  
SEE IF THERE IS  
TRUTH TO YOUR WORDS, OUT-  
LANDER! IF YOU LIE, THE  
FALSEHOOD WILL BE  
YOUR LAST!



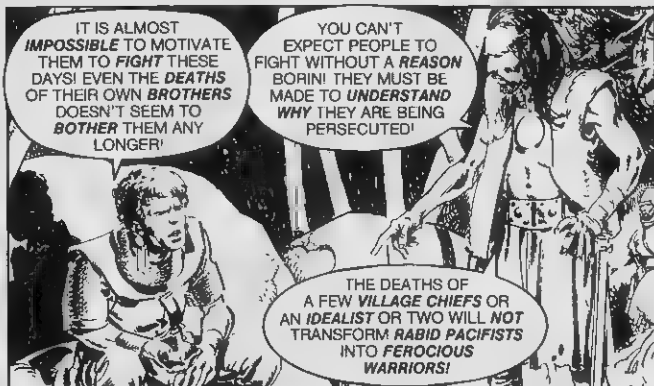
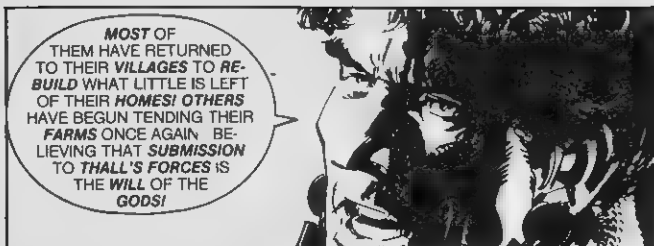
IT SEEMS  
YOU CAN NOT STAY  
AWAY FROM TROUBLE, CAN  
YOU, HAGGARTH, MY  
FRIEND!

BORIN!





\*SEE LAST ISSUE'S "PATH OF THE TEMPERED SOUL!"





HOLD  
YOUR SWORD,  
BORIN, BEFORE  
YOUR QUICK TEMPER  
PROVES YOUR  
UNDOING!

NO MAN  
MAY CALL BORIN  
TRAITOR!



AND NONE HAS!  
IF YOU WERE NOT SO HOT-  
BLOODED AND BLIND, PERHAPS  
YOU WOULD SEE THAT I'VE  
PAID YOU A COM-  
PLIMENT!

A LIE  
WILL NOT SAVE  
YOU NOW, COW-  
ARD!



OPEN YOUR EYES,  
BORIN! DON'T BE A FOOL!  
YOU, MORE THAN ANY MAN,  
KNOW YOUR DESPOT  
KING!

THAT  
IS WHY THALL  
WOULD HAVE  
YOU DEAD!

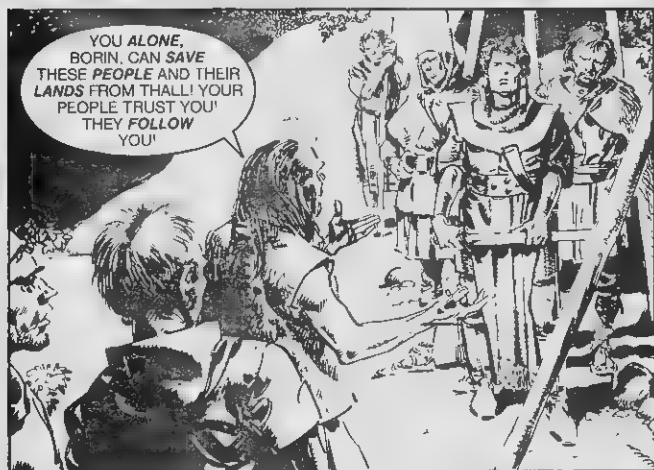
THINK, MAN!  
WHY DOES EVEN A  
TYRANT WAGE WAR AGAINST  
THE VERY SUBJECTS WHO  
MUST SUPPORT HIM



THINK--  
UGHNNN!!

KRAAAK!

NO! BORIN  
THE OUTLANDER SPEAKS  
THE TRUTH!









GOD DUNG!  
YOU SMELL LIKE  
THE ROTTED INNARDS  
OF A PUKEPIG.  
BEGGAR!

AND  
YOU'VE  
STENCH ENOUGH  
TO FERTILIZE  
ANEMIC PASTURE-  
LAND ROBBER  
BARON!

WE SHOULD  
BOTH SWEAR OFF  
SWIMMING IN THE  
KING'S PRINCELY  
DEFECATION!



I CAN  
ONLY HOPE  
THAT THIS SO-  
CALLED BOOTY  
IS WORTH THE  
SOCIAL OSTRAC-  
ISM WE WILL  
NO DOUBT EN-  
COUNTER!

OH, WHAT  
WONDERS IN-  
DEED MAKE WORTH  
A COOL NIGHT'S  
SWIM IN WORMY  
STENCHWATERS!

HURRY ON,  
LAD! OPEN THE GOODY  
BAG, SO WE CAN SEE WHAT  
WE'VE TRADED OUR  
PRETTY AIRS  
FOR!



WHAT IS  
THIS DREDGE? A  
WORTHLESS STATUE...  
A VIAL OF ROLLED  
PARCHMENT?

BULL NODS!  
IT'S ALL WORTH-  
LESS TRINK-  
ETRY!

PERHAPS SO  
BUT IT MUST HAVE  
VALUE TO SOMEONE.  
ELSE IT WOULD NOT  
HAVE BEEN HIDDEN  
SO WELL



LISTEN  
I KNOW A MERCHANT  
WHO WILL PROBABLY GIVE  
US A FEW COINS FOR THIS  
DREK! YOU CAN KEEP THE  
DAGGER AND VIAL... I'LL  
TRY TO SELL HIM  
THE STATUE!

SOMEHOW  
IT DOESN'T  
SEEM LIKE A  
VERY FAIR  
DIVISION OF  
THE GOODS!

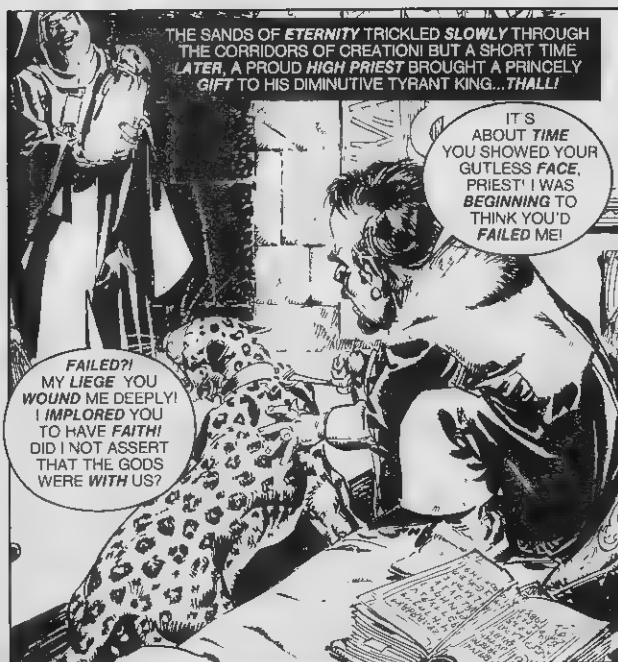


THAT  
STATUE  
LOOKS TO BE  
MADE OF SOME  
TYPE OF  
JADE

WHILE  
THIS BLADE, NO  
DOUBT, IS SIMPLE  
WORTHLESS IRON!

WHAT ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT? THAT'S  
CORRODED SIL-  
VER I'VE SEEN  
IT!





THE SANDS OF ETERNITY TRICKLED SLOWLY THROUGH THE CORRIDORS OF CREATION! BUT A SHORT TIME LATER, A PROUD HIGH PRIEST BROUGHT A PRINCELY GIFT TO HIS DIMINUTIVE TYRANT KING...THALL!

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED YOUR GUTLESS FACE, PRIEST! I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK YOU'D FAILED ME!

FAILED?! MY LIEGE YOU WOUND ME DEEPLY! I IMPORED YOU TO HAVE FAITH! DID I NOT ASSERT THAT THE GODS WERE WITH US?



WITNESS! JUST AS I HAD PROPHESIED, OUR DEITIFIC OVERLORDS HAVE ENTRUSTED ME WITH THAT WHICH YOU SO DESPERATELY SEEK THE KEY TO POWER AND IMMORTALITY!

THE STATUE AND CEREMONIAL DAGGER! BUT WHERE IS THE MANUSCRIPT, PRIEST?



M-MANUSCRIPT!? BUT BUT, SIRE--! SURELY, THESE ITEMS ALONE WILL BRING YOU ALL THE POWER YOU CRAVE!

YOU BUMBLING FOOL! GO BACK TO THE GODS' WHO PLACED THESE TRINKETS IN YOUR SWEATY POSSESSION... AND TELL THEM THAT THEY DAMN WELL BETTER GIVE YOU THE MANUSCRIPT I DESIRE, OR THEY'LL BE SHY ONE LESS MAN OF GOD!!



Y-YES, SIRE I HEAR AND OBEY!

IDIOT!



I'M SURROUNDED BY MINDLESS, PATHETIC IDIOTS!

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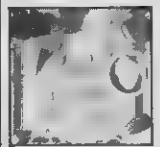
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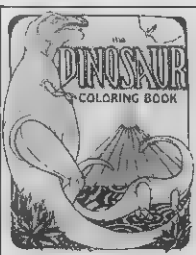
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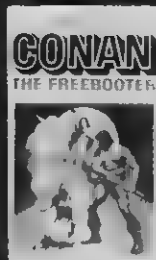
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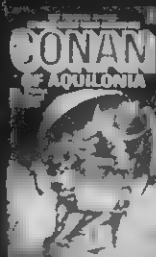
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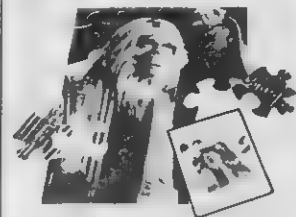
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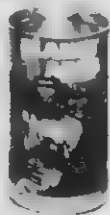
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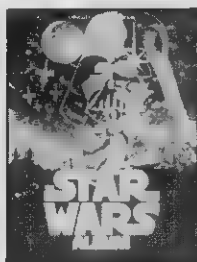
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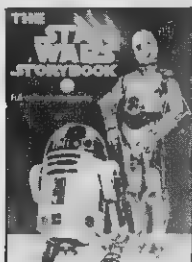
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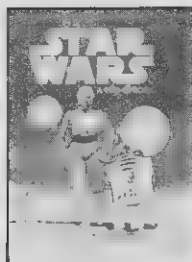
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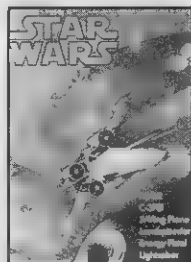
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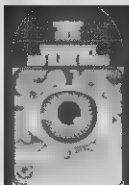
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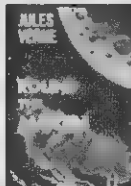
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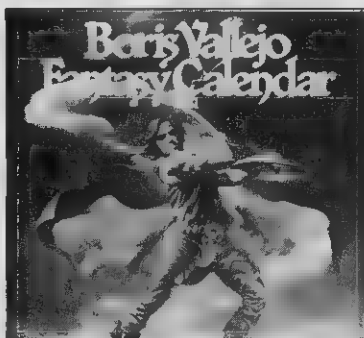
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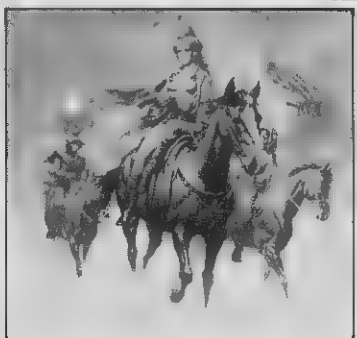


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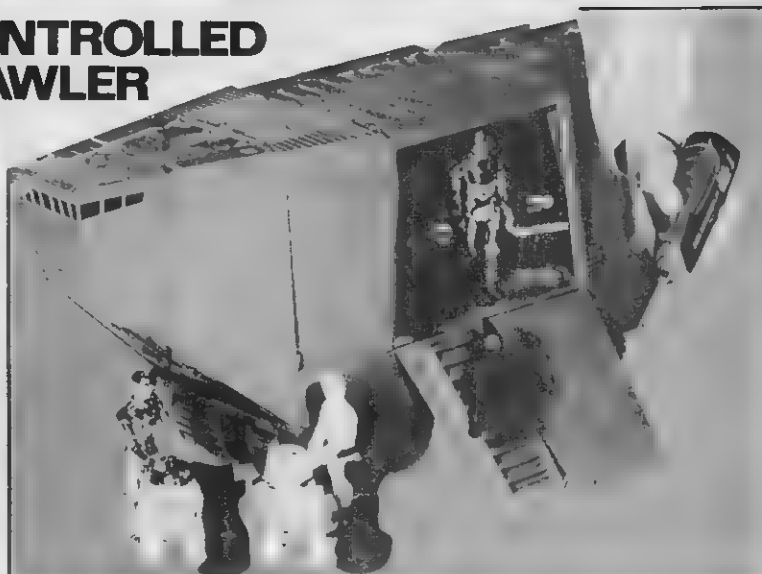
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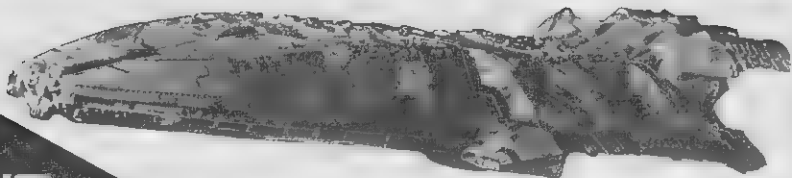
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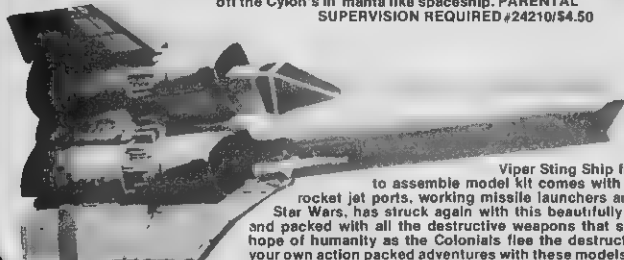
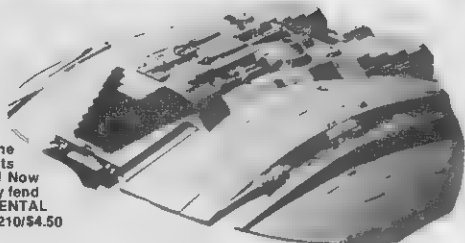


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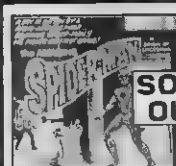
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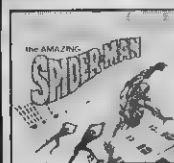
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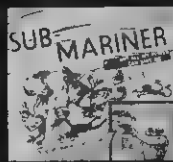
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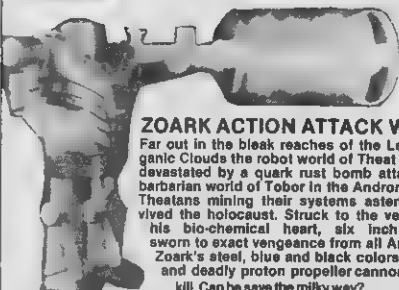
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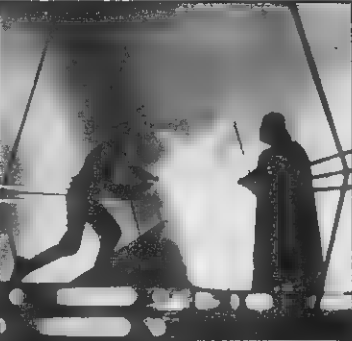
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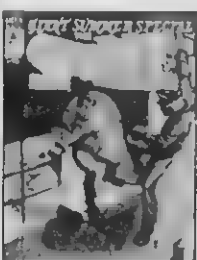
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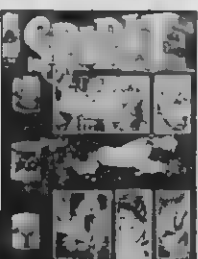
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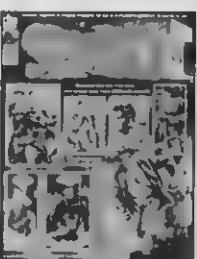
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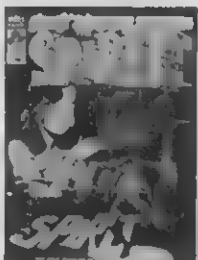
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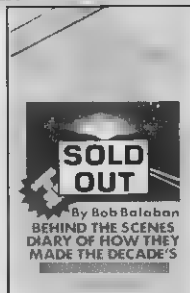
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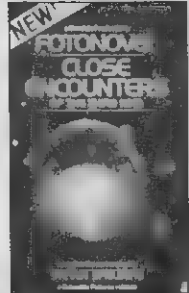
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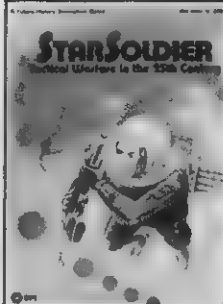
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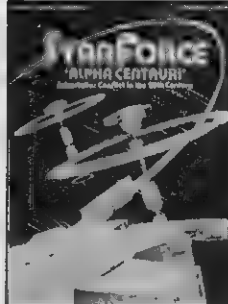
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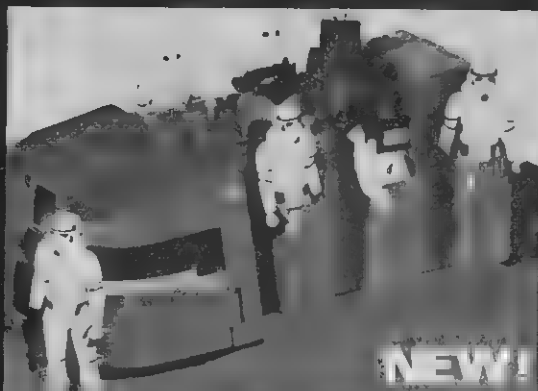


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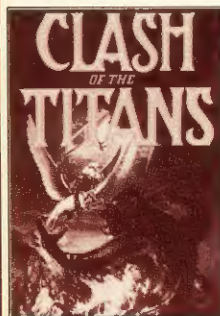
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